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Agreement seen as mutually beneficial

Compact in motion to expand tribal, state revenues

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry announced Jan. 21 that state and tribal officials have reached agreement on a gaming compact that will increase revenues for tribes, the state and the state horse racing industry.

Under the proposed agreement, tribes would be able to operate non-class II electronic games and card games, and three Oklahoma race tracks would be allowed to offer electronic games similar to those operated

by tribes.

The State of Oklahoma is expected to reap about \$71 million in revenue the first full year of operation under the agreement, according to Shawn Ashley, a public information officer for the Office of State Finance.

"A lot of hard work has gone into crafting an agreement that benefits everyone involved," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This plan not only provides more revenue for education and other im-

portant services provided by the tribes and the state, it will also bolster the horse racing industry, hopefully preventing the loss of more Oklahoma jobs."

While Gov. Henry, tribal leaders and horse racing representatives are in agreement, state lawmakers must approve Senate Bill 553 to put the plan into action.

While a similar bill was rejected last year by the Oklahoma legislature, Bob Rabon, the attorney representing the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, said the composition of the legislature and other factors make passage of the measure more likely this year.

"This time, we've got both major newspapers supporting it," Rabon said. "The stories they have been pretty positive."

A Jan. 21 story in the *Daily Oklahoman*, the largest circulation newspaper in the state, led with an indirect quote from Gov. Henry stating "Everyone's a winner in the gaming agreement. . ." A Jan. 22 editorial in the *Tulsa World* called the agreement "a major step in the right direction."

Gov. Henry calls the legislation a "win-win" for Oklahoma.

"This legislation will help save jobs and produce new funding for education," said Gov. Henry. "It will save one industry - the horse industry - and allow the state to regulate and share in the revenue of another - tribal gaming. It will provide a boost to the economy and state revenues."

While the compact is expected to bring the state approximately \$16 million from electronic games at race tracks and \$55 million from tribal gaming operations, it will also increase net revenues for tribes, according to Rabon.

"I think it will greatly increase play at casinos, and therefore

increase revenues," said Rabon. "These games are going to be much more attractive to the people who like to play that kind of game than what you have now, probably."

Compact revenues will only

be paid to the state on non-class II games - three electronic games and one card game - included in the compact agreement. The

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New Year's first arrival



The first baby of 2004, Asta Clint Cameron, with parents Tyralese and Chad Cameron.

ADA, Okla.- Along with the New Year came a new arrival for one local family.

Tyralese and Chad Cameron of Ada welcomed a baby boy at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Jan. 2 at 8:48 a.m.

Dr. Charles E. Whiting delivered Asta Clint Cameron, Carl Albert's first baby of the New Year.

Asta weighed in at 5 lbs., 13.8 ounces, and measured 18.7

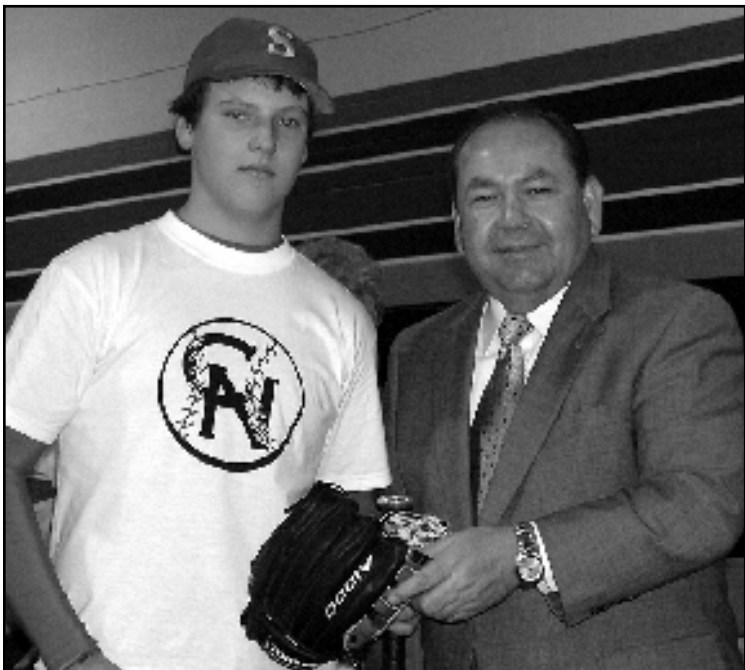
inches. He is the Camerons' second child. He is welcomed by two-year-old sister, Hannah Penelope.

The family's Native American heritage is Seminole, Creek and Navajo. Asta is the Navajo word for eagle.

CAIHF gave the Camerons a car seat, clothing and personal care items for the baby.

Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw baseball camp MVP



Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents Ashdon Lance the Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp Most Valuable Player award. For related story and pictures see page 14.

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From vaudeville to country and western

Tribe set to restore Ada's historic McSwain Theatre



The Chickasaw Nation is planning to renovate the McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada, Okla. Plans include expanding the stage, adding more seats, installing a new lighting and sound system, remodeling the lobby and restoring the original theatre

ADA, Okla. - The McSwain Theatre in downtown Ada has been through many changes in its 84 years. It's about to undergo a few more.

The Chickasaw Nation closed the McSwain Dec. 31 for renovation. Plans include restoring the original theatre front, remodeling the lobby, expanding the stage, adding more seats and installing a new lighting and sound system.

The improvements we are making to the theatre will help contribute to the revitalization of downtown Ada," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "The McSwain is a landmark and we want it to be a venue that we all can be proud of for years to come."

McSwain manager Sheilla Brashier said the tribe is completing the renovation in part to attract more live performances

and productions to Ada. The goal is to provide the community with a public venue that can be used for a variety of events.

Since the Chickasaw Nation purchased the theatre in 2002, it has been used for pageants, awards ceremonies, musical performances and community service events.

Crowds drawn in by entertainment of all sorts have flocked to the McSwain since it opened in 1920. In its early years, vaudeville performers took to the stage, Brashier said. Later, the McSwain became a movie theatre, showing silent films in the beginning. At the height of its movie success, the theatre was host to the 1948 world premiere of the film "Tulsa" starring Susan Hayward and Robert Preston.

Plans to show movies in the theatre have resurfaced in the present day. Brashier said there has been talk of offering a Saturday matinee once renovation is complete.

The theatre will still be home to local country music group, the McSwingers, who have performed the first and third Saturday of each month since 1991.

While some of the nostalgia of the McSwain will live on, when the theatre reopens it won't be quite the same. The tribe has purchased the building to the

east of the theatre, which will likely be used for expansion of the McSwain. Brashier said a second story may even be added to the building.

Renovations are expected to take about one year.

Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.



Above, the McSwain during its 1940s heyday as a first-run movie cinema. Below, an undated photo of the ornate McSwain main stage.



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Tribe's sovereign status creates negotiation

Government-to-government relationship essential

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

In our storied and unique history as the Chickasaw Nation, we have passed through many times of challenge. Our tribal history, and how we "fit" with the history of the United States, has led us to where we are today.

The Chickasaw Nation, like the many other tribes at the time of contact, was governing itself and managing its own affairs. A tribal hierarchy had been long established, and decisions were made in the best interest of the Chickasaw people.

This power of the people to govern themselves is known as sovereignty. A sovereign entity maintains the inherent right to govern itself, and it depends upon no outside source to legitimize its acts of government. At the time of contact,

the Chickasaw Nation was a sovereign entity. It continues as such today.

After the United States became a country and began to grow, the nation-to-nation status between the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation was formalized by treaties. Even in the U.S. Constitution, Indian tribes are referred to as sovereigns.

During the treaty period, the tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation, relinquished certain rights in exchange for promises by the federal government. These treaties established the trust responsibility. This trust is the federal government's obligation to honor the trust inherent in the promises and represent the best interests of the tribes and their citizens.

There has, of course, been much water under the bridge since the time of treaty-making. Indian tribes, including our own, have endured federal Indian pol-



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

icy which has, at times, sought the actual elimination of tribes. During the last century, different administrations have interacted with tribes in widely differing ways. The pendulum of Indian policy has produced a very wide arc during that time.

We have, over the past decade or so, entered a period in which the tribal relationship with the federal government is, for the most part, positive. It has been a very long road. However, the

Chickasaw Nation and other leadership tribes have worked very hard to educate Members of Congress regarding Indian sovereignty and the mutual benefit of allowing tribes to govern themselves pragmatically.

We are citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and of the United States, and to Chickasaws that is a very plain and straightforward fact. Our dual citizenship reflects the unique and wonderful history of our tribe and establishes how we honor our past, and build our future.

In addition to our federal relationship, the Chickasaw Nation also interacts with the state of Oklahoma. There is no trust relationship with Oklahoma. Only the U.S. Congress has the power to address tribal issues, and only then in definitive terms. However, we work with Oklahoma on important issues, including negotiated compacting, because it best serves the needs of both

the tribe and the state.

For the most part, states have limited power in Indian country. We are, however, sensitive to the fact that we are good neighbors and residents of the same state. We are currently in the process of negotiating a specific gaming compact with the state that we believe will be in the best interests of everyone. We believe the best agreements are those that leave all sides on the winning team.

Our hard-won, unique status as the Chickasaw Nation is both a blessing and a responsibility. We are completely committed to our tribal sovereignty, and we realize we must work diligently with other governments to resolve important issues. The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to be a national leader on Indian issues that affect not just Chickasaws, but Indian people across the country.

High school artists display works in Johnson-O'Malley art contest

The Chickasaw Nation JOM program recently conducted an art contest. The winners were: first place Tia Wines of Calera High School; second place Kasey Bridewell of Silo High School; third place Whitney McCauley of Comanche High School; and fourth place Chase Wallace of Davis High School.



First place Tia Wines of Calera, Okla., with Waylon Cotanny, Chickasaw Nation JOM specialist, and John Impson, Chickasaw Nation JOM coordinator.



Second place, Kasey Bridewell of Silo (OK) High School.



Third place, Whitney McCauley of Comanche (OK) High School.



Fourth place, Chase Wallace of Davis (OK) High School.



Judges for the Chickasaw Nation JOM Art Contest were, from left, Karen Goodnight, Beth Campbell, Laura Stewart and Joanna Underwood.

Winter baseball camp 'awesome' for Chickasaw boys



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

The holidays are over and we are settling into a new year with incredible new adventures at every corner. It is wonderfully exciting to witness and be a part of the progress going on in the Nation at this time.

I cannot let the holidays go,

though, without sharing with you one of the most rewarding events of the entire holiday season! It was the baseball camp held three days before Christmas at Ardmore for the youth. Originally the plan was for the camp to be open to all Native American boys ages 8 through 18 with a projection that probably there would be about 100 boys. However, applications were received in very short order from 122 Chickasaw boys alone, so plans were changed to include just the Chickasaw boys and for all 122 of them to be included. It was a two-day camp and the credentials of the coaches and players who came in to work with the boys fit the favorite term of "Awesome" in a grand manner. The head baseball coach from the University of Oklahoma was there,

the coach of the Texas Rangers and pitchers from several of the other major league teams were there. It was virtually a who's who of talent offered to our youth. And the thrill and enjoyment of the boys at meeting and working with the professionals was worth all the work from the employees of the Education Department who put on the event, and this comes from those employees!

The Education Department is especially to be commended for their efforts and all the myriad of projects they do for the youth of the Chickasaw Nation. Last summer they did the Space Camp and had almost 100 youth in attendance, the very first time the camp was held!

At the present time the Education Department is holding a College and Career Day at Mur-

ray State College in conjunction with that college. Murray State is always cooperative with our efforts toward the education of our citizens both young and those not as young as they once were! We appreciate the efforts of all the higher learning institutions in our area and are so fortunate to have a number of them, including extraordinary votech schools with an amazing array of career training classes.

Our Education Department awarded almost \$2 million in grants and scholarships last year and anticipates an increase this year. It is possible for a graduating senior with a high GPA to be the recipient of as much as \$4,100 a year and not unusual for a senior to receive an amount exceeding \$3,000 a year. It is also now part of the educational opportunities for our citizens to

receive assistance when they are attending school on a part time basis. And these opportunities are not just for Chickasaws living within the boundaries of the Nation. All Chickasaws have the opportunity, so call, write or e-mail for an application if you are interested in the programs offered.

We in the Legislature are honored and privileged to be a part of this most worthy undertaking - the education of Chickasaws! And most appreciative of the administering of the programs offered by our resolutions. To all of you I wish the best year you can envision for yourselves and always I pray God's blessings on each and all of you.

Chickasaw Foundation serves Chickasaw people



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is a tremendous privilege for me to serve on the board of the Chickasaw Foundation. The foundation does so much to encourage Chickasaws to attain their goals.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971. The foundation's mission is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

The foundation sponsors several programs including Kid's Kafe, a meal program at Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla.; the training component of the Computer Literacy and Dis-

tribution program through a grant provided by the Microsoft Corporation; an emergency food distribution program by the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; partial funding of the Chickasaw Nation Festival and Annual Meeting celebration by the Oklahoma Arts Council; and the ZOO FUND grant that sponsors Chickasaw youth groups through the Oklahoma Zoological Society.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a great place to find an educational scholarship. The foundation is currently revising its scholarship application form and will be offering the following scholarships for fall 2004:

- Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship,
- Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship,
- Ann Eubank Health Scholarship,
- Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship,
- Edward L. Kruger Memorial *Ittish Asisha* Scholarship,
- Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship,
- Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship,
- Bank2 Banking Scholarship-*In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton*,

- Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship,
- Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship,
- Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship,
- Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship, and
- Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program provides a six-week, residential summer program at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. Upward Bound students are much more likely to enroll in postsecondary education following Upward Bound.

The Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search (ETS) program, also at Murray State College, offers students in sixth through 12th grades academic advisement, counseling and career exploration. One hundred percent of ETS seniors went on to attend college in 2003. This year, a high percentage of ETS seniors have already begun making college plans.

The Chickasaw Foundation hosts several special events throughout the year. These include a scholarship reception, the Friends of the Foundation reception, an annual Open

House and the Cultural Evening to honor individuals, organizations and the overall culture of the Chickasaw people.

The Chickasaw Foundation deeply appreciates the support it receives through volunteerism, donations and other resources made available by Chickasaw members, organizations and other individuals willing to share the vision of a strong

Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Chickasaw Foundation's programs, please visit the foundation offices at 110 West 12th Street, Ada, Okla., or call (580) 421-9030.

As always, thank you for your interest in the Chickasaw Nation. Contact me anytime at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu

Committee Meetings

Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Present: Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker

Finance Committee
January 5, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

January 12, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Legislative Committee
January 5, 2004

Present: Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly

Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Human Resources Committee
January 5, 2004

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman
Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

January 12, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

November 2003 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-023

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.08 acres more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located on Chamber Loop Road, and described as Part of the SE/4 of Section 28 Township 4 North, Range 6 East. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Gorfth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Gorfth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-024

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.18 acres, more or less in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 801 N. Mississippi Avenue, and described as Lot 14 of the Howard Thompson Creekview Addition to Ada, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Gorfth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Gorfth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number

21-025

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.551 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located on North Mississippi Avenue, and described as Lots 6, 7 & 8 of the Howard Thompson Creekview Addition to Ada, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Gorfth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Gorfth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-026

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.5234 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 905 North Mississippi Avenue, and described as part of Lot 17, all of Lot 18, and part of Lot 19 of the Howard Thompson Creekview Addition

to Ada, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dr. Judy Gorfth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

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Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Health System focused on efficiency, exceptional patient care



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District!

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as this year's Health Care Committee Chair-

man for the Tribal Legislature. The Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System, Bill Lance, attended the Committee's January meeting and gave a Power-Point presentation regarding the Health System. I am delighted to inform you that the Health System continues to improve its efficiency and employ many improvements in technology, such as new equipment to monitor heart patients, in order to provide increased services to more Indian people.

Our Health System strives to give the best health care services of any Indian health facility in the United States with the vision of "Healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services," and we are succeeding. Mr. Lance introduced us to Lisa Bumpas

from Sulphur who now serves as the Director of Outcome Management for the Health System. We are truly fortunate to have an experienced director who works expressly to ensure that our services address our needs in the most efficient and effective manner that our budget will allow. The addition of Ms. Bumpas to the infrastructure of our Health System reinforces our belief that our Health System is second to none!

The Committee invited Mr. Lance and Ms. Bumpas to work with us in our assessment of the feasibility to provide independent living and nursing facilities in the Chickasaw Nation. While we cannot promise such facilities in the near future, we want you to know that we are starting the long-term planning process

now.

Mr. Lance reported that our hospital occupancy rate at Carl Albert for all wards including newborns, Medical/Surgical Unit, OB ward, ICU and Social Admissions is the highest of any Oklahoma Indian health facility which indicates our success at providing health care for a large number of American Indians. Specifically, the numbers of patient ambulatory visits and surgical procedures for Fiscal Year 2003 reported include Ardmore, 38,415; Durant, 30,756; Tishomingo, 28,011; Family Practice Clinic in Ada, 54,265 and Carl Albert Hospital, 164,918, for a total of 316,365. The number of patient visits and surgical procedures and the range of services provided are increasing each year of operation.

We are especially excited about our new diabetic clinic opening sometime in February and the healthy lifestyles center shortly after that. These two facilities will be very important for us to address major medical needs in the areas of diabetes and preventive medicine for Indian people.

I also serve on the Human Resources, Land Development and Education Committees of the Tribal Legislature this year and invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. I look forward to speaking with you! Thank you.

Much Indian legislation still being considered

Election year promises lots of energy - and a bumpy ride!

By **CHARLES BLACKWELL**
Chickasaw Ambassador
to the United States

2004 is a leap year, an Olympic year and an election year! It began in a state of orange alert and today, the 2nd Session of the 108th Congress opens and the President launches his campaign for re-election with the State of the Union Address. Clearly, it's going to be full of energy, action, talk, and lots of bumps!

Congress was decidedly busy during the 1st Session and is expected to be even busier in the 2nd Session, especially since it is an important election year. Partisanship in Congress increases dramatically in election years so I predict a bumpy ride over the next ten months. The House and Senate wrapped up the 1st Session of this Congress with unfinished business. They closed shop for the Christmas recess, passing a flurry of measures on unanimous consent but failing to reach consensus on the \$328 billion catchall Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY 2004. Therefore, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill will be the first order of business for the 2nd Session; perhaps it will be voted out today. If not today, surely soon.

On November 25, final agreement was reached on the FY 2004 Agriculture Appropriations Bill which became the Omnibus bill for the seven remaining FY 2004 Appropriations Bills including Commerce/Justice/State, the District of Columbia, Foreign Operations, Labor/Health and Human Services/Education, Transportation/Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development and Treasury. The omnibus conference report contains some new provisions for bill language related to American Indian programs. In addition, the final section provides for miscellaneous appropriations and offsets. It directs a 0.59% across-the-board reduction in all discretionary spending in the FY 2004 Appropriations Acts, including the FY 2004 Interior Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-108). This across-the-board

reduction does not apply to the FY 2004 Supplemental Appropriations Act, the FY 2004 Defense Appropriations Act or the FY 2004 Military Construction Appropriations Act. The consolidated spending bill contains a variety of tribal earmarks within several different federal programs. Several provisions in the omnibus spending bill also adversely affect tribes—particularly those in Alaska.

On December 8, the House of Representatives adopted the omnibus appropriations conference report by a vote of 242-176. On December 9, Senate leaders delayed final consideration of the fiscal 2004 omnibus appropriations package until now, i.e. late January, despite requests for action from the White House.

The latest Continuing Resolution keeps federal agencies funded until January 31 which is only two days before the Administration expects to release its proposed budget for FY 2005. The fiscal year always begins in October of the previous year, so in this case, they are planning the budget for October 2004 through September 2005. The inevitable leaks from the Administration regarding the FY 2005 budget suggest it includes another attempt to rein in discretionary spending, holding it to a 3 percent boost: this will be a very difficult task in an election year.^o In reality, getting the process done in time for an early October election-year adjournment may be the biggest hurdle facing lawmakers. Then again, it is an election year and who knows what will happen — just another bump.^o

Back to today, Congress is expected to take up several issues affecting Indian tribes in the 2nd Session. The Senate will again consider the conference report for the Energy Policy Act of 2003, which contains a detailed section on Indian energy. The conference report was written by the members of the House and Senate Committees that work on energy issues and represents their compromises. The House passed the conferenced bill in late 2003 but the Senate failed

to reach consensus. Rumor has it that two pivotal senators have agreed to passing the Energy bill creating speculation it may move very quickly. I believe the

Indian section is good for us. More bumps.

The Indian Lands Leasing Act of 2003, currently pending in the Senate, is intended to stimulate economic development by increasing the length of leasing terms on tribal lands from 25 years to 99 years. Hearings have also been held on the Native American Capital Formation and Economic Development Act of 2003 with additional hearings are expected in 2004. This bill creates a tribal development corporation whose shareholders would be Indian tribes and whose focus would be on economic development in Indian communities. The Indian Tribal Surface Transportation Act of 2003 was introduced to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and it is pending on the Senate floor. The amendments are expected to reauthorize the Indian Reservation Roads program and launch new Indian transit and safety programs.

In health care, Congress is expected to re-authorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act including incentives to increase the number of health professionals in Indian country, as well as codifying access to health insurance coverage and also encouraging improvements to health care standards by permitting tribes to set their own health care priorities and goals to reflect their own individual needs and priorities. The

House and Senate have already held numerous hearings on this subject and, yet, additional ones are expected in 2004. Further, the Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act of 2003 has passed the Senate and is currently being considered by the House. This bill authorizes tribes to consolidate administrative functions and certain others for tribal alcohol and substance abuse programs and reauthorizes the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986. The Senate has also passed the bill that elevates the Director of the Indian Health Service

to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health and the House has it now. Also up for reauthorization this year, The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act assists tribes in reducing child abuse in their communities.

The Senate is considering amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 which will recognize that Indian tribes as first responders in emergency and critical situations as entities consulted with regarding homeland security matters. Finally, Congress will be considering several different bills regarding Indian trust management and probate issues.

These are just a few of the Indian issues that Congress will address in 2004. It is also worth

noting that several Indian bills became law during the 1st Session of this Congress in 2003. The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Amendments passed in November re-authorizes the act through 2007 and requires recognition of tribal self-governance. In December, Congress passed the Indian Financing Amendments Act of 2002 directing the Secretary of the Interior to establish a secondary market for loans issued under the Indian Loan Guaranty Fund; to increase the loan insurance limits from \$100,000 to \$250,000; and to extend full faith and credit to future guaranteed loans.

What does all this mean? It means we are busy here doing what is necessary for the Chickasaw Nation to be independently strong and involved. As always, with the assistance of Libby Rodke Washburn and the rest of my competent and capable staff, I will continue to keep you informed about what is happening in Washington, D.C.

Oh yes, the recent reports of my demise were premature but there are certain isolated moments when I'd swear I do hear noises from the other side!

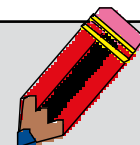
Meanwhile, register to vote and then do it. Trust me, each vote counts. Remember: just one year from today, January 20, 2005, some person will be sworn in as the next president of the United States! It's going to be a bumpy ride!

Happy 2004!

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Jonathan C. Trent, II

Jonathan C. Trent, II, like many college freshmen, was not quite sure what he wanted to study when he entered South-eastern Oklahoma State Univer-

sity. But before he graduated from SOSU in 1988 he was well on his way to an education that would land him a career on the cutting edge of cancer research.

Jonathan Trent II was born in Atoka, Oklahoma and graduated from Midwest City (OK) High School. He is the son of Jonathan C. Trent and the great-grandson of Chickasaw original enrollee Sophie Edna Franklin, of Calhoun.

Jonathan Trent II, who earned a Bachelor of Science from SOSU and an M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Texas Health Science Center, combines the roles of researcher, doctor and teacher at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in

Houston, one of the top cancer research centers in the country.

"I have several clinical and laboratory research projects and some educational projects. The clinical projects are in the way of clinical trials," said Dr. Trent. "We have therapies available here that are in development to fight the type of cancer known as sarcoma. So patients who don't have any other therapy options and no other doctors are willing to treat them come here.

"In the context of the research portion, I explain the clinical trial and the nature of the new drugs that we're developing. And if they're interested, then they participate in the trials and we treat them with some of these new drugs in hopes of curing

their cancer."

Because there are so many types of cancer, much of this research with "new drugs" actually involves testing new uses of existing drugs.

"The drugs we're using, the chemotherapy and the novel drugs that we're using, are usually not drugs that have never before been used in people," said Dr. Trent. "Some of them have been used in other types of cancer.

"One of the drugs I'm using right now is called G3139. And it's been used successfully in melanoma and in some types of lymphoma. But it's never before been used in sarcoma. But it's very safe and it has a proven track record in these other types

of cancers. So we know that it's safe for people to take."

Dr. Trent's research also includes testing a drug called Gleevec, which is seen as a very significant breakthrough in treating certain types of cancer.

"Before the use of this drug, before we developed it, there was only about a five percent chance of a patient's tumor shrinking from chemotherapy. Meaning that 95 percent of the time, even though you were giving a patient chemotherapy, 95 percent of the time, the tumor kept growing, doubling in size and growing," said Dr. Trent. "But with this new drug that we've developed in the last three

See Trent, page 16

Tribal business revenues continue climb; Bank2 capitalization increased

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and

governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Some year-end adjustments have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2003

Tribal Government Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$2.8 million for the month and \$9.0

million for the year which includes a special transfer for \$2.5 million from enterprise for culture center construction.

Expenditures for the month were \$2.1 million which includes \$1.0 million as additional capital for Bank 2 and \$4.4 million for the year to date which is slightly less than budget. Expenditures for construction

of fixed assets total \$820,000 for the month and \$1.1 million for the year to date. Expenditure for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$73.7 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$26.9 million for the year to date and was bet-

ter than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$4.0 million for the month and \$10.0 million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2003, the tribal government funds had \$29.7 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.1 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$13.6 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$37.3 million in cash and investments of which \$12.7 million is for accounts payable and \$20 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of December 31, 2003, tribe operations had assets totaling \$175.2 million with \$12.9 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$162.3 million compared to \$142.7 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$19.6million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Government
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003

REVENUES
TRANSFER FROM BIA TRUST FUNDS
TOTAL REVENUES

EXPENDITURES
Tribal Government
Gaming
Education
Health
Housing
Transportation
Public Works
Culture
Miscellaneous
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHICKASAW BUSINESSES
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003

REVENUES
Gaming
Miscellaneous
TOTAL REVENUES

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
1	400000	200000	200000
2	500000	300000	200000
3	600000	400000	200000

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
4	700000	500000	200000
5	800000	600000	200000
6	900000	700000	200000
7	1000000	800000	200000
8	1100000	900000	200000
9	1200000	1000000	200000
10	1300000	1100000	200000
11	1400000	1200000	200000
12	1500000	1300000	200000

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
13	1600000	1400000	200000
14	1700000	1500000	200000
15	1800000	1600000	200000
16	1900000	1700000	200000
17	2000000	1800000	200000
18	2100000	1900000	200000
19	2200000	2000000	200000
20	2300000	2100000	200000



Olivia Anna Greenwood celebrated her first birthday, Saturday, January 3, 2004 with a princess party at her home in Norman, Okla.

Livy is the daughter of Lynn Gray and Dewayne Greenwood and the sister of Jackson and Kyle all of Norman.

She is the

granddaughter of Patricia Mills, Socorro, N.M., Waylon Simpson, Aurora, Colo., Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil Greenwood.

Livy's cake was pink and white, decorated with a crown and a scepter. She wore the crown and guests wore party hats and blew whistles. Cake and ice cream was served along with finger foods and drinks. Gifts were opened as the celebration continued.

Special guests were Nuk Greenwood, Ada, Okla., Toby Catron, Amenda Mascote, Tishom-



Mable Enda Smith

Mable Edna Smith will celebrate her 80th birthday on March 1, 2004.

Happy Birthday, Mom!

My mentor, my best friend, my buddy, my partner in crime, my advisor. From Edith and Harold

Happy Birthday, Mom! Enjoy your day to the fullest - you deserve the best! Love Stanley and Carolyn

Dear Mom, Happy 80th birthday, may there be many more years for us to all enjoy. Love Jimmy and Dianne

I'm blessed to have you as my Mom. You're so wonderful. Love Vickie

Happy birthday, Mom! You are the greatest!

Love you, Larry and Peggy

We love you. You are our blessing. Love your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

2003 State of the Nation video available

The 2003 State of the Nation video is available. One copy per family is available on VHS or DVD. Call Sheilla Brashier at (580) 332-1165 to request a copy.

Births



Logan Elizabeth Ketchum

Logan Elizabeth Ketchum was born September 22, 2003 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla.

She weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

Proud parents are Sheila and James Ketchum, Healdton, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Davalyn Billings, Sulphur, Okla.

Maternal great-grandparents are David and Melva McClure, Davis, Okla., and Jane Billings, Sulphur.

Paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Janelle Ketchum, Loco, Okla.

Paternal great-grandmother is Claudia Bryant, Duncan, Okla.

Logan is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Mary Ashton McClure and the great-great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Julia Victor Ashton.



Ruth Elizabeth Daniel

John and Cindy Daniel and big brothers Nathaniel and Samuel Daniel, Olney Okla., proudly announce the birth of **Ruth Elizabeth Daniel** on November 6, 2003 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla.

Ruth weighed 8 lbs., 13.9 ozs., and measured 20.3 inches.

Ruth's grandparents are Martin Brown, Olney, Ruthie and J.D. Smith, Coalgate, Okla., and Olene and Cathey Daniel, Olney. Her great-grandparents are Alice Brown, Olney, the late Roy and Lucinda Lee, Olney, the late John Wesley and Hazel Daniel, Clarita, Okla., and the late Catherine Durbin, Oklahoma City.

Praise God for Ruth! What a little blessing! Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them!



James Perry Harcrow

Henry and Melissa Harcrow of Tishomingo, Okla., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, **James Perry**.

James was born Oct. 6, 2003 at Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

James is 1/16 Chickasaw.

He is the grandson of Perry and Billie Sue Payne and Lavaghn Harcrow and the late Jim Harcrow.

Stanley L. and Joyce Hodges are extremely proud to announce the birth of two granddaughters.

Jordan Julien was born August 26, 2003 at 3:04 p.m. to Kristin D. Hodges. She weighed 8 lbs., and measured 20 inches.

Madison Marie was born on December 2, 2003 to Kari Lynn and Toby Harris. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measured 18 3/4 inches.

They are the great-granddaughters of Alice P. Hodges (Chickasaw) of Modesto, Calif., and Buster S. Hodges (Chock-taw) of Redding, Calif. Buster

Hodges is the son of Gilbert Hodges and Mina Adelia Childs (Choctaw) who resided in Foster, Okla., until their passing. Alice Hodges is the daughter of Charles Hisaw and Nora Plezz Middleton (Chickasaw) who grew up in Ada, Okla., and then moved to California and Oregon, where she passed on. Nora was the daughter of Mary Maytubby (Corral) and Shanneau Maytuby, both Chickasaws.

Both babies are very happy and are making parents, grandparents and great-grandparents very happy.

We're very proud of you!



Elizabeth Raye Quiroz

Elizabeth Raye Quiroz is the 17-month-old daughter of Gilbert and Krista Quiroz of Odessa, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Perry and Billie Sue Payne, Tishomingo, Okla., and Ray and Connie Quiroz, Odessa.

Elizabeth is 1/16 Chicka-



Smith Paul newest member of pioneer Chickasaw family



Pictured are four generations of the Paul family. At left is Caleb Paul (Smith's father), in the center holding Smith is William Ikard Paul, Jr. (Smith's great-grandfather), and at right is William Ikard Paul, III (Smith's grandfather).

Allen girl excels in class, basket-



Amber Coody

Amber Michelle Coody is a straight A fourth-grade student at Allen (OK) Elementary School. She is currently on the Governor's and Superintendent's Honor rolls with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the Allen Mustang basketball team and the Lady Sooners of Ada, Okla. Her favorite hobby is playing basketball. She is a member of Johnson Chapel Methodist Church.

Amber is the nine-year-old daughter of Herman and Leigh Coody. She has a brother, Trey, and a sister, Chelsea.

Amber is 7/8 Chickasaw, Seminole and Creek.

Amber, we are proud of you!

Love, dad, mom, Trey, Chelsea and your aunts and uncles.

Caleb and Ashley Paul of Stratford, Okla., announce the birth of their first child, Smith Jason Paul, born Oct. 29, 2003.

Smith continues the Chickasaw legacy of the Paul family.

Smith's great-great-grandfather, William Ikard Paul (1895-1993), was an original Chickasaw enrollee. Sam Paul (1847-1891), Smith's great-great-great-great-grandfather, was a Chickasaw Senator in the late 1880s and was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2000.

Smith was named after Sam's father, Smith Paul (1809-1893), who settled Pauls Valley, Okla., in 1857.

McCarty Reunion set for Arizona

A McCarty Family Reunion will be June 24, 2004 in Flagstaff, Ariz. Forty to 50 attendees are expected from Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Nevada and California. Any and all McCarty family members and friends are welcome.

For information and details on activities and room reservations, contact Vicky Hirschi at (email) Vicky@computer-one.com or Richard Burton (telephone) (831) 633-3072 or (mail) Richard Burton, 9355 Canyon Oak Road, Salinas, CA 93907.

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J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

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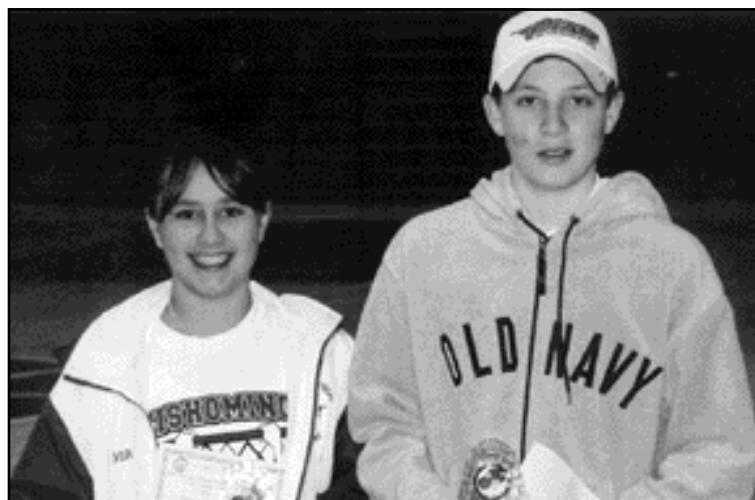
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In an effort to better serve both enrolled Chickasaw citizens as well as any person recognized as Native American, Bank2 has recently hired an experienced mortgage professional. Angie Little joined Bank2 in late December and is already busy serving Native American clientele with this great mortgage product.

If you have questions about this special Native American mortgage product, and even if you have less than sterling credit, I encourage you to call Angie at Bank2 at 405-946-2265 to discuss how you might finance your home purchase.

J.D. Colbert serves as a consultant to Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$52 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation. 'It's About Money' is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tishomingo students take first place in Hoop Shoot



Kayla Jo Wood and Jacob Carter

Kayla Jo Wood a Tishomingo (OK) sixth grader participated in the 2004 Elks Lodge

National Hoop Shoot Contest on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Ardmore

(OK) High School Gym.

Kayla won first in the girls age 10-11 division. She will advance to the District Hoop Shoot Contest January 31 at Chickasha.

Kayla is the daughter of Patricia Wood and Scott Wood of Tishomingo. Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore and Larry and Eugenia Wood, all of Tishomingo and the late Joe Plumley.

Jacob Carter, also of Tishomingo, was also a first-place Hoop Shoot winner.

Marshall County council thanks

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council, located in the community of Enos, Pickens District, of the Chickasaw Nation wishes to express our gratitude and to voice our appreciation for the following people for their excellent service to our community. They shared their time and gave us much needed information. They were respectful, very

considerate, patient and caring. They all were informed in their respective area of responsibility.

Their names are as follows: Wilson Seawright, Beth Alexander, Ramona McKee, Karen Cook, Merideth Benson, Thedo Underwood and David Engle.

We appreciate them and hold them in high regard.

Thank you!



Language, art, family

'Learning to be Chickasaw' now a college course



Laura Stewart teaches the art of making clay pots.

ADA, Okla.- Students in an East Central University (ECU) class in Ada are studying a concept that for many Chickasaw people is a way of life: "Chikasha Imanapah" or "Learning to be Chickasaw."

Chickasaw Clemente, a three-hour, college-level course, is built around that concept. The class offers exploration of Chickasaw art, music, poetry, language, culture, written and oral history, education, environment, family structure and law and government.

"The class broadens students' idea of what it is to be Chickasaw, because there are a lot of ways to be Chickasaw," class instructor Candessa Morgan

said.

The Chickasaw Clemente originated through the tribe's arts and humanities division, but Division Administrator Lona Barrick, said the idea for the class came from sociologist Earl Shorris.

Shorris wrote a book called "Riches for the Poor," which discussed the idea of exposing people to their own culture in order for them to reflectively compare themselves to the dominant western civilization. Through this method, Shorris contends that people realize their significance and are empowered.

Shorris came to Oklahoma

and met with members of the Oklahoma Humanities Council who asked him for help in developing a program based on the same principle that could be used among the state's Indian tribes.

In 2000, a Cherokee Clemente course was offered through the University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) in Chickasha. USAO offered a Kiowa Clemente course in 2001. ECU joined in this semester, offering the first-ever Chickasaw Clemente.

"The reflective comparison between Chickasaw culture and Western civilization provides our people the opportunity to learn about themselves and sustain themselves in society," Barrick said.

The Chickasaw Nation is funding the course through ECU. A total of 26 students are enrolled in the class. About 90 percent of the students are Chickasaws, eager to learn more about their roots.

Lonnie Burris moved away from Ada and the Chickasaw Nation after high school and returned only a few years ago. She is now ready to reconnect with her heritage.



Students construct clay pots during the Clemente class.

"I took the class because I wanted to learn about our people," Burris said.

Others like Evelyn Wood who have always lived in the Ada area are also taking the class. Wood was inspired by her grandchild who is learning the Chickasaw language through the Head Start program.

Another student, Thalia Miller, wants to learn the Chickasaw culture and language to pass it on to future generations. Clemente coordinators believe that

concept is an important one.

"The class is a great way to introduce language back into the culture, because without language you lose the culture," Barrick said.

By the end of the course, Clemente supporters hope students will have learned "Chikasha Saya" or "I am Chickasaw" - a concept that will keep their culture alive.

Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

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Chickasaw couple ordained pastors at Tishomingo church



Front row from left, Jaisen, Janessa, Melanie and Jordan Monetathchi and Elisha Oliva. Back from left, Jara, and Dusk Monetathchi, Jason Epps and Matt Frye.

TISHOMINGO, Okla.- A Chickasaw couple is now leading church services at God's House, 114 W. Main in Tishomingo.

The Rev. Dusk Monetathchi

and his wife Melanie were ordained and commissioned by Pastor Darrin Begley of God's House in Atoka.

The couple led their first worship at God's House Jan. 18.

The Monetathchis began their ministry in 1990 at the First Indian Baptist Church in Tishomingo. The couple later served as youth leaders under Pastor Charlie Carter at Temple of God Church in Connerville, Okla.; youth leaders under Pastors Nelson Baken and Jerry Imotichey at Freedom Fellowship in Fillmore, Okla.; youth and children's pastor at Grace Freewill Baptist Church in Oklahoma City; and youth pastors at First Freewill Baptist church in Purcel, Okla.

The Monetathchis have also conducted numerous youth revival meetings in Oklahoma, Arizona and Missouri.

Despite moving north, Rev. Monetathchi has kept close ties with Tishomingo. He has served as chairperson for the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival's Youth Night, provid-

ing positive entertainment for area youth through testimonies, Christian rock music, games and dramas.

Youth Night is an awesome tool for encouraging young people," Rev. Monetathchi said. "Youth Night brings together area youth groups pushing attendance to more than 300."

The Monetathchis' youth pastor position at Temple of God Church brought them back to Tishomingo again in 1999.

"Serving again at Temple of God under the leadership of Rev. Nelson Baken was a big honor," Rev. Monetathchi said. "Rev. Baken had a huge heart for the young people. Our four years at Temple was the most wonderful and growing time for the ministry and for our own hearts."

The couple was instrumental in founding Temple of God Youth (TOGY) ministries in

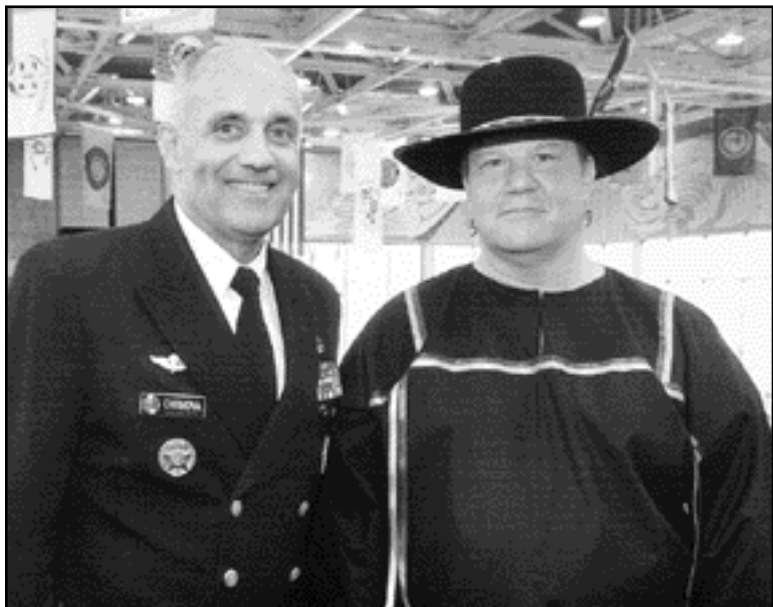
Connerville in 2000. The Monetathchis watched the ministry grow to an average of more than 80 students per service. A TOGY leadership team was formed to oversee outreaches and missions. TOGY also developed a youth led drama team and Christian rock band, Pulse 39.

"We have always tried to stay on the cutting edge of ministry," Rev. Monetathchi said. "Jesus brought us this wonderful Gospel to share, our methods may be different but the message is still preaching the Gospel to all that will hear."

Rev. Monetathchi is a 1985 graduate of Tishomingo High School. Mrs. Monetathchi graduated from McLish High School in 1984. The couple have five children, Jordan, Janessa, Jara, Jaisen and Matt Frye.

Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw man appointed to Mid-America Indian Center



Chickasaw Patrick Kennedy, right, with U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona.

WICHITA, Kan. - Patrick Kennedy, a Chickasaw, has been recently appointed to serve on The Board of Trustees for The Mid-America all Indian Center Inc., in Wichita.

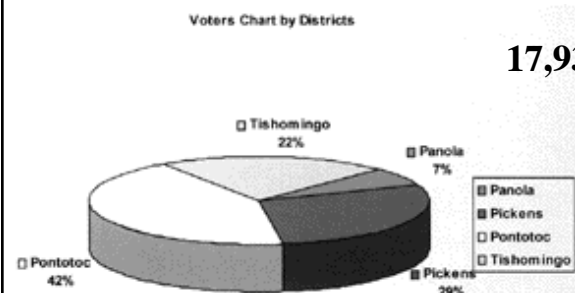
Kennedy's grandfather and great-grandmother, original Chickasaw enrollees, lived in the Ada, Okla., area their entire lives. His cousin, Mary Jo Green, is a well-known figure as a Chickasaw legislator and respected elder. His uncle "Curt" Kennedy was the most decorated amateur and professional boxer in Chickasaw and Choctaw

history and his father, the late William “Bill” Kennedy, was a decorated WWII Navy Veteran, community leader, and respected elder as well. Patrick’s great-great-great-grandmother’s name was Mary Ann Cheadle (Walker-Moncrief-Johnston). Kennedy’s family is on the Clan Okla.-la-fa-lay-a and the Chickasaw House of Cush-ke-re.

Kennedy says his new position “is a great honor” and that he hopes to help the center thrive from community involvement of all Indigenous peoples representing the many tribal nations in the

Count of voters by district

Panola	1,182	Pontotoc	7,679
Pickens	5,139	Tishomingo	<u>3,939</u>
		Total	
			17,939



Chickasaw Nation Election Commissioners

Chairman

Theodo Underwood, Pickens District

Vice-Chair

Catherine Wood, Tishomingo District

Stan Wells, Panola District

Pauline Brown, Pontotoc District

Mark Riesen, At Large

south central Kansas Region.

The Mid-America All Indian Center Inc., a nonprofit organization, has a vital role for the American Indian community in south central Kansas since it's inception in 1969 from many great visionaries such as Mr. Jay R. Hunter, Mr. Blackbear Bosin, and Mr. Calvin Chisholm. The Center works hard to uphold its mission statement of preserving the past yet securing a social and economical future while providing education about our culture and heritage.

"We continue to struggle but have excellent resources in our people," Kennedy said. "I believe with the willingness to communicate positively as well

as understanding and respect for all; we as a people...a nation... will progress to live our traditions each and every day.”

On November 24, 2003 Surgeon General Richard Carmona visited the Mid-American All Indian Center while on his nationwide campaign The Diabetes Awareness Program. Kennedy, a peacetime U.S. Navy veteran, presented him with a Pendleton blanket in the old Native tradi-

“What an honor it was for me to meet this man, Kennedy said. My family has a high rate of diabetes like many other native families and I feel it is very important to spread awareness of the dangers of diabetes and

how we can lessen our chance of becoming diabetic.”

Kennedy is a survivor of chronic hepatitis C and has undergone intensive chemotherapy to help slow the virus. Although he is in need of a liver transplant he perseveres in the traditional Chickasaw way - unconquerable!

Kennedy continues to give much of his time and himself to aiding American Indians. Let's all congratulate him and wish him a good journey down his new path he walks! You can email Mr. Kennedy at ChickasawWarrior@aol.com or Chickasawwarrior@hotmail.com

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state cannot collect any revenues or fees on class II games offered by the tribes.

Beyond that, the compact enables the tribes to offer class II and "gray area" (class II and non-class II hybrid) games with the legal certainty they will remain legal under the terms of the compact.

Rabon said he had a provision added at Governor Anoatubby's request that enables tribes to have their class II games come under the compact as covered games without being assessed. This provision was added because a case now under con-

sideration by the U.S. Supreme Court could potentially require tribes to compact with the state to operate class II games.

Gov. Henry congratulated all those involved in crafting the agreement.

"I want to commend all of those who helped make this historic agreement possible, particularly tribal leaders..." Gov. Henry said. "The leaders of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Chief Greg Pyle and Governor Bill Anoatubby, also deserve special recognition for their help."

Gaming Compact Provisions

* Authorizes and gives legal certainty to tribes for:

- > Electronic bonanza-style bingo
- > Electronic instant bingo
- > Electronic amusement games (skill games)
- > Non-house banked card games
- > All class II games

* Exclusivity fee - provides tribes with substantial exclusivity with regard to the covered games.

- > 4 percent of first \$10 million of adjusted gross revenues of

covered games

- > 5 percent of subsequent \$10 million of adjusted gross revenues of covered games

- > 6 percent of adjusted gross revenues over \$20 million of covered games.

- > 10 percent of monthly net win of common pools or pots from which prizes paid for non-house banked card games.

- > Annual reimbursement for costs of state monitoring activities in the amount of \$35,000

- > One-time start up fee in the amount of \$50,000

- > No imposition of state taxes, fees, charges or assessments

upon tribe except as described above

* Electronic gaming by horse tracks:

- > Electronic bonanza-style bingo
- > Electronic instant bingo
- > Electronic amusement games (skill games)
- > Other electronic class II games operated by tribes

* Player terminals allowed at race tracks:

- > Remington Park - 650
- > Will Rogers - 250
- > Blue Ribbon Downs - 250

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Gaming compact brings increased revenue, certainty

With all the success the Chickasaw Nation has enjoyed with Class II gaming, some may wonder why the tribe would negotiate a compact agreement with the state that allows gaming at race tracks and permits the state to assess a portion of tribal gaming.

There are several reasons the tribe would enter into such an agreement.

First and foremost, the new agreement will increase revenues for the Chickasaw Nation. Non-Class II games added under the compact agreement are more attractive to customers and will increase the number of participants

at tribal gaming facilities.

Only the non-Class II games added under the agreement will be assessed. No Class II games currently offered will be assessed under the agreement.

Secondly, the compact will give a degree of legal certainty to tribal gaming operations that would not be possible otherwise.

Tribes in Oklahoma may currently offer Class II gaming without a compact with the state. Class II gaming includes card games in which the house has no financial stake in the outcome, bingo and games similar to bingo, and electronic aids to

such games.

While that may sound simple enough, once attorneys, judges and regulatory commissions get involved, the definition of what constitutes an electronic aid to bingo or similar games can become very complicated.

Therefore, several electronic games have fallen into a "gray area" between Class II and Class III gaming with final determination of their status to be eventually worked out in the courts.

The compact allows tribes to offer games that currently fall into the "gray area" and provides for an assessment to be paid to the state on those games. Class II games currently in use by the tribes do not fall under the

compact and no assessment is imposed on those games.

In addition, the compact ensures protected operation of Class II gaming.

This is necessary because two federal laws, the Johnson Act and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, may be in conflict.

While the IGRA allows tribal gaming to take place in most states without a compact, the Johnson Act is restrictive regarding gaming devices in Indian country.

There is a provision in the IGRA that specifically exempts Indian gaming conducted under a compact between the tribe and the state. The IGRA, however, does not specifically exempt

from the Johnson Act Class II gaming without a compact.

While several circuit court opinions have stated Class II gaming conducted without a compact cannot be prosecuted under the Johnson Act, those decisions are currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

For that reason, a provision in the new compact agreement allows tribes to include Class II games under the compact without subjecting those games to taxation by the state. This gives tribes the legal certainty that a

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Indian Gaming Regulatory Act key to tribe, state process

Passed in 1988, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) defines three types of gaming - Class I, Class II and Class III - that are subject to the Act.

Class I is defined as social games with minimal prizes or traditional forms of Indian gaming. Indian tribes have exclusive jurisdiction over Class I games.

Class II is defined as bingo or games similar to bingo as well as non-banked card games that are not specifically prohibited by the state. Electronic aids to Class II games are permitted under IGRA.

Class II games currently fall under the jurisdiction of tribes as long as the state allows other persons or organizations

to conduct similar games.

However, the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Commission is involved in the determination of whether a particular game is Class I, Class II, or Class III.

Class III gaming is basically everything else, including slot machines, banked card games such as blackjack, where players compete against the house and the house has a financial stake in the outcome. Class III also includes roulette and other table games such as craps.

Class III games are only allowed if the tribe has a compact with the state allowing the operation of such games.

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Apply now! Chickasaw Foundation 2004 Scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation is currently accepting applications for the fall 2004 scholarship cycle.

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Mr. Donald D. Gunning who had a high regard for and deeply admired the Chickasaw tribe. Mr. Gunning earned a degree in accounting and management from the University of Oklahoma and retired from Sohio Petroleum after 37 years with the company.

This scholarship was made possible by the generous donation of Donald's wife of nearly 60 years, Mrs. J. Wenonah Gunning.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his freshman year in any two- or four-year college who demonstrates a financial need.

Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw students who are enrolled in their freshman through senior year at an accredited higher education institution.

Computercraft recruits computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists. Preference may be given to these disciplines; however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

One scholarship is awarded per year; \$750 per semester (\$1,500 total).

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Ms. Janet Shaley James. Ms. James was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and deeply believed in obtaining a higher education as initial steps to attaining success.

This scholarship is intended to be used for a general purpose education and students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

This scholarship is named in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" Lee Walton. It was made possible by the generous donation of Bank2 which is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Mr.

Walton was one of several individuals who had the vision for the Chickasaw people owning their own bank. Without his efforts and encouragement, the bank may have never become a reality.

One scholarship for \$3,000 will be awarded (\$1,500 per semester) to a Chickasaw student enrolled in his freshman through senior year at any four-year college. Student must have a major in business, finance or accounting, and be pursuing a career in banking.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

Native American Fund Advisors is an Indian owned and operated fee based investment management firm and their current owners represent citizenship from the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Muscogee (Creek) Nations.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled at any two- or four-year college who maintains a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and remains in full-time status for the entire year the scholarship covers.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his junior or senior year in any four-year college with a major in history, education or pre-law with a minor in history, and an emphasis on Chickasaw tribal history or Native American studies.

To be eligible, a student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" Lee Walton. Mr. Walton who was a devoted family man as well as being committed to serving the community and his fellow Chickasaw people.

Mr. Walton was a member of the Chickasaw legislature for more than nine years, and was also an active member of several boards including the tribal housing authority board of commissioners, historic capitol ad hoc committee, legislative committee, finance committee, the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., and delegate to the National Congress

of American Indians.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw graduate, undergraduate or vo-tech student enrolled at any accredited higher education institution for a general purpose education. To be eligible, the student must remain in full-time status and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw students currently enrolled at a higher education institution and pursuing a health care related degree. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded.

Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by the generous donation of Bank2 which is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Bank2 began January 4, 2002, and is headquartered in Oklahoma City. The bank is the fastest growing minority bank in the country.

This scholarship is for students majoring in business, finance or accounting and pursuing a career in banking. Students must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers to be eligible.

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Chickasaw students enrolled in their freshman through senior year at any two- or four-year college.

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Captain Edward L. Kruger who was one of the first contributors to the Chickasaw Foundation. Captain Kruger entered the Indian Health Service in 1962 and served several American Indian tribes before he moved to Ada, Oklahoma in 1977. He was awarded numerous special service awards by the Chickasaw people and was also awarded the Outstanding Service Medal by the Public Health Service posthumously. He was the only man in the history of the Indian Health Service to plan, build, staff and operate a new Indian hospital.

One scholarship for \$500

will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled in pharmacy school. The student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers and maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

This scholarship is for students enrolled in their freshman through senior year pursuing a major in education at any four-year college.

One scholarship for \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student who remains in full-time status during the entire academic year the scholarship covers and maintains a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship

This scholarship is for female Native American students pursuing a degree in entrepreneurship.

One scholarship will be awarded to a female Native American student enrolled in their junior or senior year at any four-year college or university. To be

eligible, a student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw students who are enrolled in their freshman through senior year at an accredited higher education institution and is to be used for a general purpose education. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

All applicants must complete the applications and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. The Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship deadline is on May 31 while all other deadlines are June 1.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship or need additional information, please contact Mr. Carl Borne, development officer, at (580) 421-9030.

DAR \$500 scholarship available to Chickasaw college students

The Tennessee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has made a \$500 scholarship available to a Chickasaw college student enrolling for the fall 2004 semester. The deadline for submission to DAR is April 1. Copies

of applications may be obtained from the Chickasaw Foundation offices at 110 W. 12th Street in Ada, Oklahoma or by calling Mr. Carl Borne, development officer, at (580) 421-9030.

Special advocates



Chickasaw Lonie Burris, front row center, takes the oath to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. Delivering the oath, at right, is associate district judge Martha Kilgore. Ms. Burris, who works for Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI) will assist Ada-area residents engaged in legal proceedings. The swearing-in was Jan. 27 at the Pontotoc County courthouse in Ada.

Major leaguers, college coaches offer valuable hints

Tribe's baseball camp a 'hit' with Chickasaw ballplayers

More than 120 Chickasaw students ages nine to 18 enjoyed two days of intensive baseball training from some of the top names in the sport at the Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp, one of the largest camps of its kind in the country.

Several Major League Baseball players and coaches, along with college coaches, coordinated the camp. Seattle Mariners pitcher Aaron Loooper joined coaches and scouts from the Texas Rangers, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, Colorado Rockies, University of Oklahoma, University of Texas and several other teams to offer instruction at the free camp Dec. 22-23 at the Ardmore (OK) High School baseball facility.

"This might be the most talented staff I've ever been around in any camp, and I've done probably a thousand camps," said Tom Holliday, University of Texas assistant coach. "It's a compliment to the people that organized it and structured it. I think it's a great deal for kids. This has got to be the greatest

Christmas gift these kids could possibly get this year."

In addition to the high level of instruction, each student also received a monogrammed bat bag, two camp shirts and a baseball cap.

"We want these young men to leave this camp with something that will last the rest of their lives," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We hope they leave knowing more about the game about baseball, of course. We also hope they learn things that will help them build strength of character and perseverance that will carry over into other areas of life."

Dave Holliday, the keynote speaker at the Monday night banquet for players and family, spoke of the things a scout looks for in a player. He said that scouts look for a person of good character who works hard, is reliable and can make others better. He also stressed the importance of education, telling the students that "if you fail in the classroom, you'll find a way to fail on the field."

After graduation ceremonies, Dave Holliday said he was also impressed with the overall quality of the camp.

"I was under the impression we were going to have our run-of-the-mill four sessions and try to cram some baseball in," said Dave. "But to have all the auxiliary things that were put on, with the kids getting t-shirts and hats and having a dinner last night with parents in attendance I thought it was a very unique opportunity for them."

"The kids were much better (than those at most camps). Their level of play was better than I expected and they were very attentive and respectful to the coaches for the most part, which really allows the camp to flow. When you told them to listen up, they did. They were pretty good."

Seattle Mariners pitcher Aaron Loooper, who graduated from Byng (OK) High School, said he was glad to give something back to the students at the camp.

"The older you get the more you learn, and I think part of

your responsibility as a baseball player is to pass that on to the younger generation so they'll have that knowledge," said Loooper. "They were a really good group. I think they got quite a bit out of it. I had a great time and I hope we can do it again next year."

Ashdon Lance of Durant, Okla., was named Most Valuable Player during graduation ceremonies Tuesday, Dec. 23. Awards were also presented to best camper and most improved on each of 11 teams at the camp.

Devil Rays: Best Camper - Jacob Frazier of Ada. Most Improved - Brandon Clifton of Ada.

Mariners: Best Camper - Mitchell Kiddie of Sulphur. Most Improved - Tee Gillum of Ada.

Royals: Best Camper - Brandon Elmore of Ada. Most Improved Brian Burns of Ardmore.

Pirates Best Camper - Tyler McCollum of Ravia. Most Improved - Mason Campbell of

Oklahoma City.

Marlins: Best Camper - Jake Meeks of Argyle, Texas. Most Improved - Ryan Stewart of Ardmore.

Rangers: Best Camper - Christopher Bennett of Ada. Most Improved - Alex McGehee of Marietta.

Rockies: Best Camper - Bo Scribner of Allen. Most Improved - Cole Meeks of Tuttle.

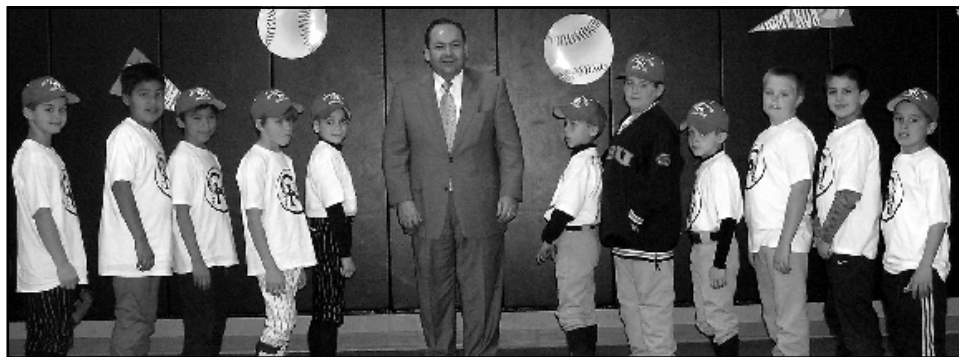
Twins: Best Camper - Chad Colbert of Allen. Most Improved - Kelsey Smith of Sulphur.

Red Sox: Best Camper - Larry Wright of Durant. Most Improved - Broderick Bumpass of Wynnewood.

White Sox: Best Camper - Cody Rambo of Holdenville. Most Improved - Jerrald Chancellor of Springer.

Yankees: Best Camper - Tyler Gillum of Ada. Most Improved - Justin Marris of Madill.

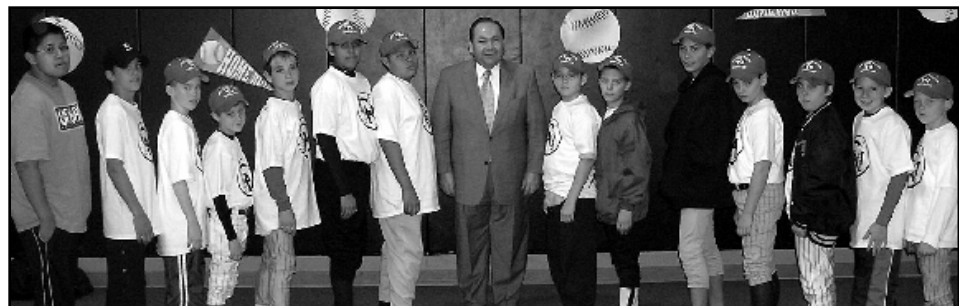
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Team members of the Devil Rays, pictured above with Gov. Bill Anoatubby, are Brandon Clifton, Brett Jennings, Cole Young, Derrick Jackson, Devin Brock Hartman, Holden Cass, Jacob Frazier, Joe Dell Williams, Jordan Wilson, Leon Bruner and Lous Jacob Wills. Jacob Frazier was named Best Camper and Brandon Clifton was Most Improved.



Team members of the Mariners, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Micah Tiger, Michael Stick, Mitchell Kidie, Ryan Alexander, Shadow Marris, Shelby Salyer, Staley Easley, Tee Gillum, Ty Williams, Reid Wall and Andrew Anderson. Mitchell Kidie was named Best Camper and Tee Gillum was Most Improved.

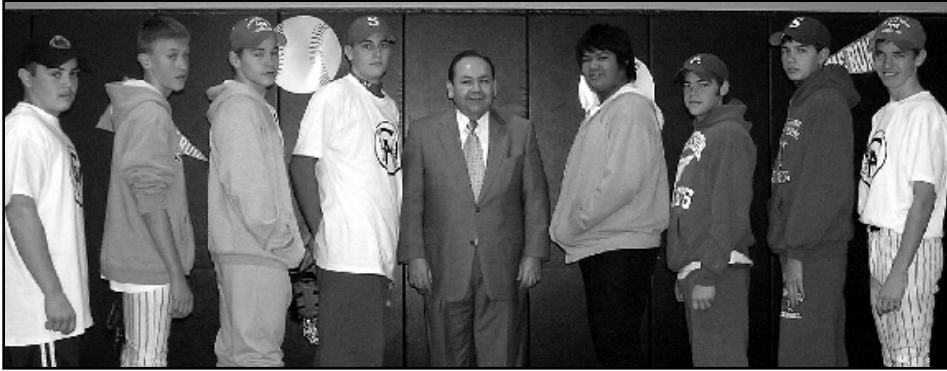


Team members of the Marlins, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Tyrone Alexander, Taylor Dunnigan, Ryan Stewart, Christopher Tiger, Codie Bolin, Codye Leu, Dakota Priest, Daniel Wilburn, Drew Elliott, Jake Meeks, Kelby Luna, Kyle Cass, Dalton Gaines and Jared Walker. Jake Meeks was named Best Camper and Ryan Stewart was Most Improved.



Team members of the Rangers, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Leslie Wesley, Rusty Rambo, Trevor McClendon, Tyler Favre, Zakkary Pettigrew, Christopher Bennett, Dillon Anderson, Alex McGehee, Brandon Marris, Bronson Gore and Casey Cook. Christopher Bennett was named Best Camper and Alex McGehee was Most Improved.

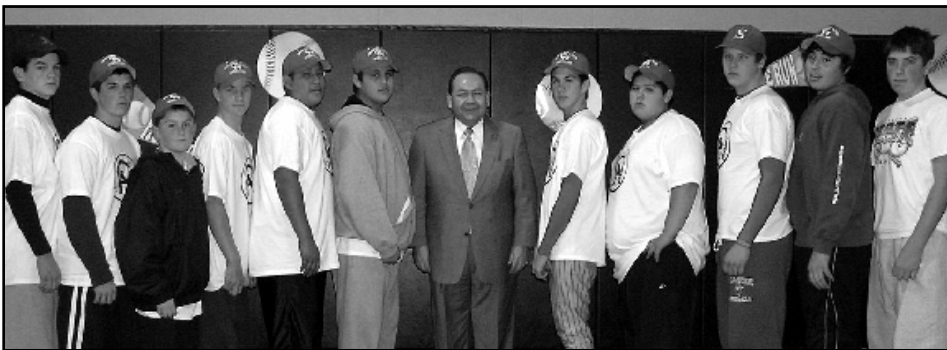
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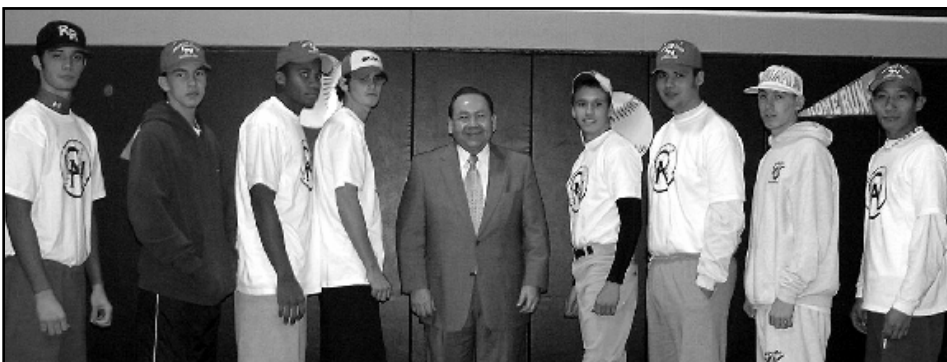
Team members of the Red Sox, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Derrick Meely, Joshua Blancett, Larry Wright, Monty Vietzke, Scott Williams, Broderick Bumpass, Josh Willis, Kash Smith, Brandon Russell and Chase Hatton. Larry Wright was named Best Camper and Broderick Bumpass was Most Improved.



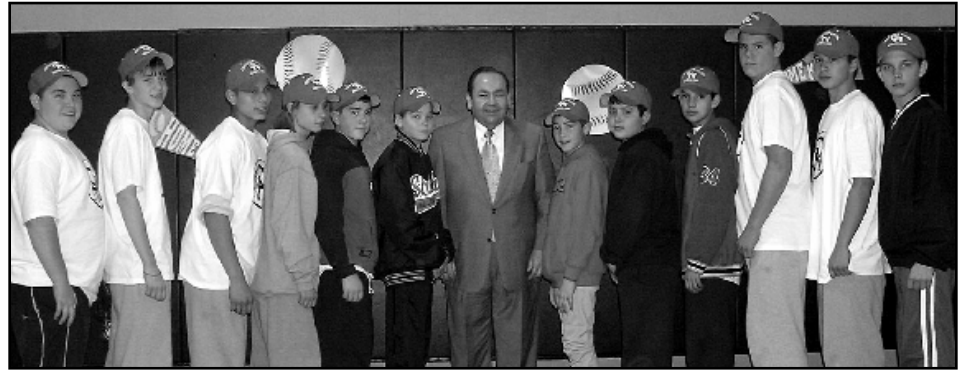
Team members of the Royals, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Alex Walton, Brandon Battice, Brandon Elmore, Briar Burns, Caleb McDonald, Colton McGehee, Dylan Wallace, Kevin Brister and Rowdy Wright. Brandon Elmore was named Best Camper and Briar Burns was Most Improved.



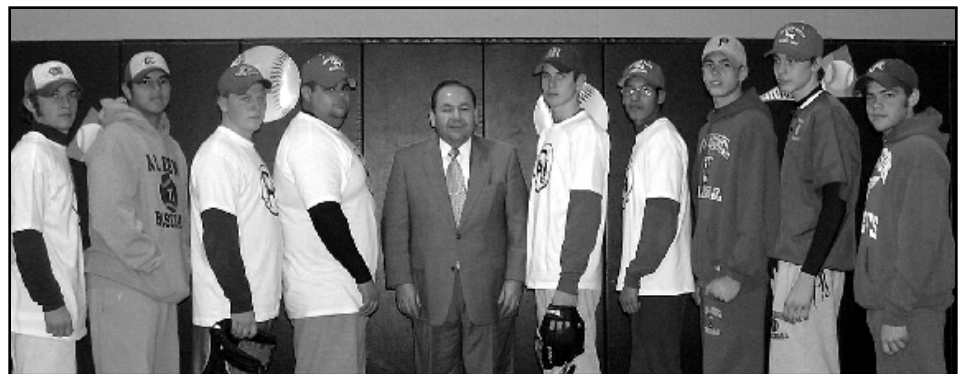
Team members of the Twins, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Joshua Hartman, Kelsey Smith, Robby Boston, Robert Bulen, Travis Brown, Tyler Brown, Chad Colert, Ashdon Lance, Ben McGuire and Blake Newton. Chad Colbert was named Best Camper and Kelsey Smith was Most Improved.



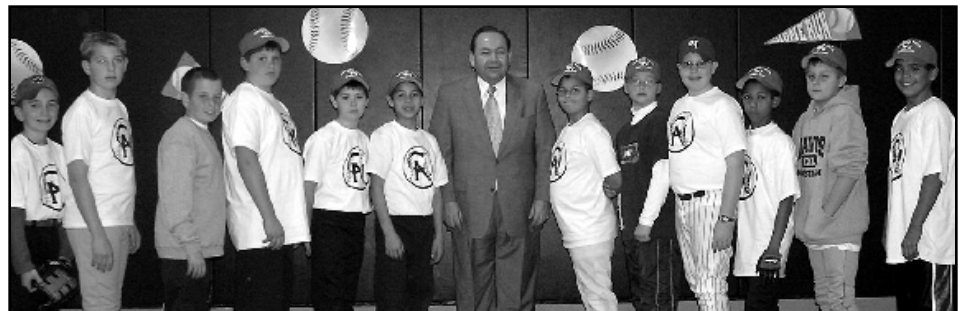
Team members of the Yankees, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Justin Marris, Michael Ernst, Monty Wright, Rusty Baken, Scott Mims, Tyler Gillum, Tylor Lampkin, Brent Worcester, G. Dugan Jones and Kevin Bob. Tyler Gillum was named Best Camper and Justin Marris was



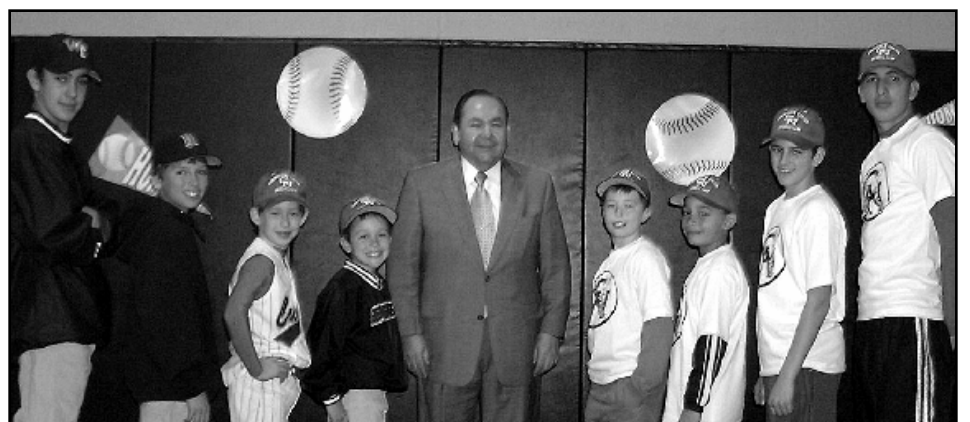
Team members of the Rockies, with Gov. Anoatubby, are D.J. Adair, Ethan Hartman, Jacob Bittle, Jeffrey Wells, Logan Seeley, Ryan Post oak, Thad Gillum, Bo Scribner, Brandon Post oak, Cole Meeks, Dakota Roebuck, Frank (Bo) Pershica and Martin Brady. Bo Scribner was named Best Camper and Cole Meeks was Most Improved.



Team members of the White Sox, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Cody Rambo, Cody Reynolds, Dillon Bob, Jerrald Chancellor, Justin Stephens, Patrick Williams, Heath Wall, Ryan Estes and Braden Whatley. Cody Rambo was named Best Camper and Jerrald Chancellor was Most Improved.



Team members of the Pirates, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Anthony Alexander, Clay Hooton, Cody Somers, Dalton Lewis, Tyler McCollom, Derek Blakemore, Josh Scribner, Justin Douglas, Logan Webb, Mason Campbell, Morgan Keck and Stacy Marris. Tyler McCollom was named Best Camper and Mason Campbell was Most Improved.



Children of baseball camp staff members, with Gov. Anoatubby, are Ryan Rolette, Chance Garcia, Cade Clay, Joshua Whistler, Heath Holliday, Davy Holliday, Braden Hayward and Ethan Barton.

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years, called Gleevec, when we give it to these patients with these types of cancer their tumors shrink about 80 percent of the time. And the side effects are very, very, mild.

"It's been incredible, especially when before (Gleevec) we saw all these patients dying from this type of cancer, and now we are able to save their lives with a pill they take instead of an injection. Now we're doing laboratory studies to try find out how this drug works. It's been so effective that we want to figure out how it works so that we can apply that knowledge to other types of cancer."

Dr. Trent is not only on the cutting edge of cancer research, he is also breaking new ground in teaching students about conducting research with human subjects.

"My work in education

is primarily with medical residents and medical fellows. We have a program where we show them examples and give didactic lectures and discussions about clinical research, which is research with people," said Dr. Trent. "When you're doing this type of research there are a lot of ethical issues, and a lot of safety issues. And that's something that's never been really much formally taught."

"We have a formal program here now that I've been involved with to make all that available to people interested in research involving humans rather than mice. It's funny that animal research is much more regulated and taught in schools than human research. So we're trying to get more education out there about research."
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Free income tax assistance available

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens can receive free assistance with tax preparation and filing during the upcoming tax season.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., (OILS) will offer free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Low-Income Taxpayer clinics during January and February.

The VITA program provides free income tax return preparation and free e-filing. Free legal

assistance and representation are available to people with tax problems through the low-income tax payer clinic.

The clinics will be conducted 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 28, Jan. 29, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing conference room. The conference room is located at 901 N. Country Club, Ada.

For more information contact Dena Drabek,
tribal media relations.

Chickasaw physician sought opportunities to learn from the best

Jonathan Trent is living proof that you don't have to choose a career path early in life to be a success. After graduating from high school, Trent was unsure where he wanted to attend college. He finally decided to attend SOSU because he was awarded a Parsons Scholarship that would go a long way toward funding his education.

He now believes that decision was one of the best he ever made, because it triggered a series of events that culminated in his current career as a cancer researcher and assistant professor at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

"It's like stacking all the dominoes up," said Dr. Trent, who is not only a medical doctor, but has also earned a Ph.D in chemistry. "One thing happens. One domino falls and it hits the next domino."

"If I hadn't been awarded that Parsons Scholarship I probably would have went to a different

school. I don't know where I would have went. Probably I would have went to the University of Oklahoma on a Navy ROTC deal. Then who knows what would have happened. I may have been off in a submarine somewhere."

While Dr. Trent was still not sure what he wanted to study when he entered Southeastern Oklahoma State University, he had his eyes open for opportunities and a desire to learn from the best.

"I looked at Southeastern and they had a very strong chemistry program. I didn't necessarily want to do chemistry, but I wanted to be taught well by good teachers," said Dr. Trent. "So I ended up majoring in chemistry there because they had an excellent chemistry department. That was a major decision in my life."

"When I came to medical school in Houston, probably the most outstanding hospital

in the medical center here in Houston is M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. So deciding to do oncology was something I kind of wanted to do, but it was also an incredible opportunity to come to M.D. Anderson and work with people who were curing cancer and who were the fathers of chemotherapy and the fathers of surgical oncology and radiation therapy.

"It doesn't make sense to stay away from great people, you should try to learn from them and their history and experiences and let them help you."

Another decision, made earlier in life, however, is also a very important factor in explaining his success.

"I think the most important thing is just trying to do your best in school and making yourself competitive and trying to do the absolute best that you can possibly do in everything in school," said Dr. Trent. "You just have to make that your priority in life and good things will happen to you."

"You don't have to be the best student. I wasn't always. It was rare that I was the best student in any of my classes in high school and in college, but I always wanted to be the best student. Even though I knew most of the time I wasn't, or wouldn't be. I just pushed myself to do the best."

While Dr. Trent advocates striving to succeed, he also realizes the importance of finding a balance in your activities.

"I think it's good to be well-rounded also," said Dr. Trent. "To play sports, be involved in your community and be involved in church. And all those things are productive, and good things will happen to you if you stay involved in those things. I think staying involved and active in good things will help you."

"Doing things like hanging out - everybody hangs out and everybody goes to parties and things like that, But that's not going to help you out 10 years from now or 15 years from now when you're developing your life. I think working hard and staying in school is very important."

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Parsons Scholars Program genesis for Honors Program at SOSU

The Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) Honors Program has been built on the foundation created by the Parsons Scholars Program which has a long and honorable tradition at Southeastern. The Parsons Scholars Program was established in 1978 by Dr. David L. Parsons, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern in 1928 before going on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Parsons believed that the best and brightest students

should have the opportunity to continue their education at SOSU. He also believed these students should have scholarly experiences which challenge them to become leaders in our society. The Honors Program will continue to meet those goals and honor the legacy of Dr. Parsons.

For additional information, please contact the Honors Program, University Center, Room 221, (580) 745-2771 or e-mail sosu_honors@sosu.edu.

Chickasaw Student Art Exhibit Set

ADA, Okla. - In recognition of National Youth Art Month in March, the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program will be exhibiting photographs.

Students have been taking pictures of the Chickasaw Nation to create a collage which will be entered in a state-wide contest. The theme is "Our Town, Where We Live, Learn, Work, Pray and Play."

Students will select a few pictures from the collage project to be showcased in a photo exhibit "What the Chickasaw

Nation Is to Me - 2004 Collage Photo Work," according to Arts in Education Manager Laura Stewart.

The photo exhibit will be on display March 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Division of Arts and Humanities Building, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada.

For more information contact Laura Stewart at (580) 421-7712.

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Tribal Drug Elimination program has positive impact

Despite a loss of federal funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing Drug Elimination Program will continue to offer a variety of services designed to discourage, reduce or eliminate drug use or violent crime.

While lack of effectiveness was cited as a reason for discontinuing the program at the national level, the Chickasaw Nation program, which was recognized at HUD's 2000 best

practices symposium for its exemplary performance, has been so successful that the program will be continued, supported by tribal resources.

"Our Drug Elimination program uses a very effective three-pronged approach," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We not only provide education and support services to help youth and adults avoid drug abuse, we also provide services to help them reach their academic and career goals. Beyond that, participants in the

program are involved in group activities that help create a real sense of community."

Full time coordinators and part-time staff work at community centers in Chickasaw Hills, Campbell Acres and Woodbrook Estates providing a variety of educational and recreational activities designed to help youth and adults maintain a positive, drug-free lifestyle.

Educational materials on the dangers of drug abuse are coupled with documentaries of Native Americans struggling with

drug abuse in a strategy that has proven effective in helping students resist the temptation to abuse drugs.

Teens and adults can also receive assistance preparing for GED and college entrance exams as well as job search assistance. Each community center is equipped with several new computers and other educational material selected with the assistance of educators in the area.

Supervised Internet access is also available at each site to facilitate student research and job search activities.

The Drug Elimination program also participates in community clean up and beautification projects, graffiti paint outs, and other activities.

"Our youth assist Red Cross in gathering canned foods, winter coats, fans, and delivering beds to the needy," said Billy Ward, who heads up the program. "In 2003, our youth were recognized for volunteering their time to deliver four complete beds to needy families and assisting with junior life guard trainings."

A number of incentives are offered to encourage youth to participate in the weekly drug abuse prevention classes.

Youth who earn enough points by participating in drug education and prevention programs are rewarded with monthly or quarterly trips. Participants have made trips to see Texas Rangers

baseball games, to the Oklahoma City Zoo, Whitewater Bay water park, Six Flags over Texas and a number of other premier attractions in the area.

Regular school attendance, good grades and good manners can also earn students prizes, including movie passes, skating passes, bowling passes, free pizza coupons and the like.

Participation in individual and team sports is also strongly encouraged and funding is available for sports instruction, youth sports leagues, equipment purchases, karate fees, YMCA membership and Boys & Girls Club memberships.

Students also participate in the Ada Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Gang Resistance Education and Training Program. In addition, the youth have toured a number of Oklahoma correctional facilities and participated in the "Scared Straight" program, which allows inmates to speak one on one with students about the realities of prison life.

"During one of the prison tours, several of our students recognized a couple of local teenage boys who were incarcerated for their role in a robbery," said Ward. "That made quite an impact."

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We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with you special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

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Chickasaw AARP installs officers for 2004 terms



2004 Chickasaw AARP officers from left, program chair Mary Jo Green, treasurer Sophia Perry, secretary Bernice Colbert, vice-president Alice Phillips and president Jeanne Coplin.

Chickasaw AARP Chapter 4113 conducted its regular monthly meeting December 19, 2003. At the December meeting new AARP officers for the year 2004 were installed by Mary Jo Green. The 2004 AARP officers are, president Jeanne Coplin, vice president Alice Phillips, secretary Bernice Colbert and treasurer Sophia Perry.

The newly elected officers conducted their first meeting of 2004 on January 15 with Dr. Judy Goforth Parker speaking on the accomplishments of the National Diabetes Board, of which Dr. Parker is a member.

The December 19, 2003 meet-

ing came to order under the direction of 2003 AARP president Overton Buck Cheadle. Mrs. Green opened the meeting with prayer, followed by reports from the secretary and the treasurer.

President Buck Cheadle introduced the speaker for the last meeting of 2003, Dr. Doug Weirick, professor of the department of Health and Environment at East Central University, Ada, Okla. Dr. Weirick spoke on the importance of recycling.

Recycling extends the use of city landfills. The present rate of usage at the Ada, Okla., landfill will reach its capacity in six to

seven years.

There are three recycling locations in the Ada area; 326 E. Main St.; on the west side of town at the corner of Sixth and Stockton; and Wal Mart Supercenter located on the north side of the store.

The question was asked what happens when the landfills are full? A new landfill will have to be purchased or our waste shipped out of state, which would be costly.

Papers, magazines, aluminum and cardboard can and should be dropped off at any of the three recycling locations.

Some recycling statistics were shared by Dr. Weirick for the past several years. People are recycling more and it has grown, we can all do better. Last year 2 million computers were thrown away. Dr. Weirick complemented the Chickasaw Nation for the refurbishing of computers to be distributed to elderly and to students. There is a hope and a plan for more recycling of computers.

Mr. Cheadle thanked Dr. Weirick for the valuable information he provided.

The meeting was adjourned and the project of helping a

family of eight children was worked on. Presents of clothing and toys were purchased by Laruth Meeks, Lahoma Presley and Sophia Perry. The gifts were wrapped and delivered later that day.

Each year the Chickasaw AARP chooses a worthwhile project. These are paid for by dues and donations. The Chickasaw Nation was the first Native American chapter in 1986 the same year they received their charter. In 1988 Overton Buck

Cheadle was able to secure the chapter name Chickasaw.

AARP dues are due each January. The dues are \$1 plus the dues card from National AARP.

All races are welcome to join in the many worthwhile projects. The Chickasaw AARP meets the third Thursday of each month in the Ada Senior Citizens dining room at 12:15. Visitors are welcome. Informative speakers are at every meeting.



AARP members wrap gifts. From left, Carmer Sharp, Mary Jo Green, Alice Phillips, Laruth Meeks, Ruthie Ellis and Jeanne Coplin.

Native American Vo-Tech and Career Day scheduled at Pontotoc Vo-Tech

ADA, Okla. - Russ Peak, who has performed at high schools and colleges from coast to coast, will bring his unique blend of humor, "magic," and motivation to the Native American Vo-Tech and Career Day Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada.

More than 200 students are expected to attend the event sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and the Pontotoc Technology Center, where Peak will use interactive demonstrations to teach the audience "if you put your mind to it, anything is possible."

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths, including business information technology, health sciences, aviation maintenance, graphic arts, cosmetology, automotive

services, electronics and computer repair and more.

"This event is designed to inspire young people to set high goals and to give them the information to help them make those goals a reality," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Various methods of financing an education in the technical fields will also be presented. Information on scholarships, federal financial aid and Chickasaw Nation funding sources will be available.

A session titled "Making the College Connection" will teach students how technology education hours can be used toward college credits.

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Three different scholarship programs are available for select-

ed Native American students.

Preparatory scholarships are available for students pursuing a general education curriculum at a college or university that will prepare them for acceptance into a health profession school.

Pre-graduate scholarships are available for students pursuing a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine or pre-dentistry.

Health professions scholarships, which include a service obligation of up to four years, are available for students enrolled in an accredited school pursuing a course of study in specific health

professions.

The deadline to return scholarship applications is Feb. 28, 2004.

For information or to request an application packet, contact Jim Ingram, Oklahoma area scholarship coordinator:

Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service
HC 67, Box 132
Marietta, OK 73448
(580) 276-5983.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw court

For the first time since statehood, the Chickasaw Nation District Court has both criminal and civil jurisdiction over Indians within its boundaries. Aaron Duck is serving as Chickasaw Nation District Judge.

Chickasaw History Quiz

by Richard Green

1. A provision of the removal treaty at Pontotoc in 1832 said that removal could not be carried out until the tribe had found a suitable home west of the Mississippi River. The Chickasaws sent out exploring parties from 1833 to 1837. Where was the first acceptable land located?

- A. northwest Arkansas
- B. east Texas
- C. south-central Indian Territory
- D. the Memphis, TN area

2. Sixty years after the first Chickasaws were removed from their ancient homeland to Indian Territory, the tribal leadership met with agents of the United States and the Choctaw leadership and negotiated the terms for the dissolution of the tribes. Where did this momentous meeting take place?

- A. Washington, D.C.
- B. Fort Smith, Arkansas.
- C. Tuskaoma.
- D. Atoka

3. James Colbert was born about 1721 in either Scotland or Carolina before coming to the Chickasaw Nation after 1736. He had three Chickasaw wives and fathered several children, some of whom became great tribal leaders. Which one of the following roles did James Colbert not play?

- A. Translator
- B. School teacher
- C. Trader
- D. Tribal leader

4. In the 1950s, name the number one bone of contention between the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and the rank and file tribal members living in the counties that made up the Chickasaw Nation.

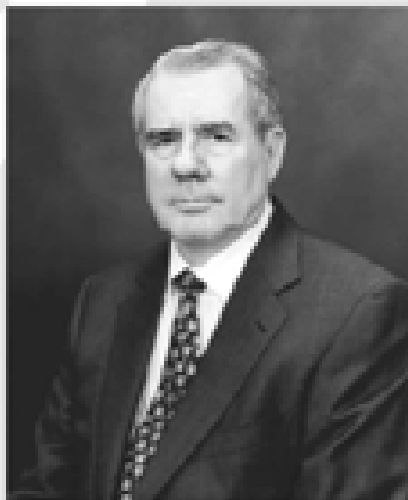
- A. Per capita payments owed to tribal members.
- B. Whether the governor should be elected by tribal membership or appointed by the President
- C. What to do with Kullihoma, the tribe's land east of Ada
- D. Separate jointly held tribal lands between Chickasaws and Choctaws

See Answers, page 3

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Letter to the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter written in last month's issue of the *Chickasaw Times* by Mr. John Hays of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

He wrote an apology in regards to the activities of homecoming at the university where students was “over zealous” with the display of various decorations that offended the Native American students of university. The mascot for the university is the Savages.

As a Native American woman I have to give Mr. Hays credit for realizing that these kind of displays at an university are offensive to Native Americans. But it not only happens at the universities. Its the schools and the professional sports that use Native Americans as mascots. When the schools and the team owners are confronted about the use of Native Americans as mascots, they claim that they are simply honoring the Native Americans. If they want to honor us then there are more ways than one to do that very thing.

Letter to the Editor:

I am a Chickasaw living outside the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation but a patriot none the less. I am aware that many Chickasaw live in your coverage area and want to relate an important message for their consideration. The message is that the Chickasaw Nation Legislature is no longer responsive to citizen requests for action.

I attend all Legislative Sessions because I am retired and have the time and interest to do so. I also am a member of the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council and make requests to the Legislature on their behalf. The most important one made is for the Legislature to change the date and time

ers, will this year award 100 high school seniors with one-time awards of \$1,500 each.

In order to be eligible for one of the awards, the student applicant must come from a farm family and plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. The National FFA Organization will organize an impartial selection committee of agricultural

We are not mascots and we are not to be honored with a touchdown, homerun or a 3-pt. shot. For so long Native Americans have been stereo-typed and there are people now in this day and time who believe the things they are taught or what they hear.

The schools in this state need to realize that these mascots aren't honoring the Native Americans. It's degrading and we as Native Americans need to stand up and take a stand.

I applaud Mr. Hays for his effort. Its going to take more than one person to stand up and fight for what we believe in.

There will be people who will disagree with me on this issue or feel that this is a fight that can't be won. But I truly believe that if this at least lights the fire under someone there will be enough to fight and to stop the degrading of Native Americans as mascots in this state.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Sealy

for their sessions from Friday to Saturday. This would allow for more participation for all Chickasaw.

The fourth request was made at the Dec. 19 session and they still will take no action. They were in too much of a hurry to have their Christmas luncheon.

If any who may read this feel that the Chickasaw Legislature should be more open to the citizens, then write, call, e-mail, or talk to their representatives and request the change. It is high time for all citizens to be able to attend and watch their representatives at work on the nation's business.

James A. Humes
Oklahoma City

educators and industry leaders
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HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

Oral history of Abe Ned, a man of tremendous goodwill

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

A full-blood Chickasaw from Coalgate, Mr. Ned was 69 years old in 1968 when this interview took place. At that time, Mr. Ned was working for the Chickasaw Nation on sanitation and adult education programs. He was born and lived his entire life in Oklahoma except for 10 years in Arizona. That he would wind up doing so much good for so many Indian people, after an abysmal, loveless childhood, is a testimony to this remarkable person and to his reservoir of goodwill that years of cruelty and deprivation couldn't destroy.

The interview appears in the Doris Duke Oral History Collection at the University of Oklahoma's Western History Collections in Norman. The transcription was edited to omit some unnecessary words and phrases and to present the chronology of Mr. Ned's life as it unfolded in Oklahoma and Arizona. The oral history also is annotated to provide greater clarity.

I was born in Love County in 1899 and went to school there until I was about 10 years old. My mother died when I was 1 year old and my father died when I was 9.¹ When I was about 10, I went to live with a guardian, a rancher and his wife and two boys in Coal County. The man was white and his wife was Indian. I stayed there until I was 17. During those years, they worked me awful hard and

in return I got room and board and a few clothes. I got spending money only once in those seven years. After several years, that old man just opened up his heart one day and gave me \$3.50.² I got by the cheapest way I could. When I could, I attended school but I didn't have too much time for studying at home because I was always working.

I worked, getting in the crop, while the family spent most of their time riding horseback. I got up every winter morning at 4 o'clock and if I wasn't on the wagon feeding the cattle I had to be on horseback rounding up the cattle to be fed. I would work until about 8 a.m. and then walk four miles to school. It was a one room country school. One teacher and 65 or 70 children from primer up to eighth grade. I didn't graduate from the eighth grade until after I left that family. I went to a little public school in Johnston County and I really did learn a lot from that man.

The man who was my guardian died when I was 17.³ It was planting time. Well, like always, I did all the work and got the crop in and then the family sold the cattle and most of the things. The old lady called me in and told me, "Here is \$10. You can take it and go anywhere you want to." Then she took me to the railroad and told me to go, so I left.⁴

I knew from an early age that I had a land allotment. But what I didn't know until after the old man died was that he had been leasing my land every year and I never saw a dime of it.

After I graduated from the eighth grade, I attended Murray Agricultural College in Tishomingo and then the Draughton's Business College for a year in Oklahoma City. That was in 1918. Later, I worked in Arizona as a migrant worker, picking cotton, Pima cotton it was, and in the fruit and vegetable fields. Some paid pretty well and some didn't. Usually got paid so much a bunch, like for carrots, or lug (a big box of fruit).

I met Indians with different tribes, the Apache, Navajo, Pima, Maricopas and Yaquithes were most like Mexicans. In fact, most of them were from Old Mexico. Of course, these big companies at harvesting time would go over into Old Mexico and bring in whole bunches of migrant workers, thinking that they can get them to work for almost nothing, cheap again as the native people. They would ship them in by the carloads. I had to work a lot of 'em when I was working the ice plant. I had about 50 Mexicans under me; they were pretty good workers. We fixed them a place to stay in a big tin building and we had to cooperate with immigration officers a whole lot.⁵

A whole lot of them didn't want to go back; they were making more money there than they would be in Old Mexico. Some of them were pretty hard to get along with because they didn't know English, but I didn't have much trouble. They were just like everybody else. You see people you like, some are not friendly and some are grouchy,

all such as that. I got along with all of them.

There was also a lot of Indians from eastern Oklahoma out there. Mostly the five civilized tribes. There was more money in Arizona and the Indian people didn't have no hard time getting a job. If I quit one job, I would go to another place and get a job right off. And lots of them claim that the Indian people are good workers, and they would do most anything they want them to do. That's why they went for the Indians.

The reservation Indians were helped a lot by the government. They clothe them, feed them, they do everything like that for them and they (the Indians) expect it. They have good schools in Arizona. High school, college...but after they finish school they would go back to the reservations and sit down. Don't want to do anything. Then when the Indians from Oklahoma come out there, they get a good job, office work, field work, and the local Indians don't like it. That's why they don't like the eastern Oklahoma Indians out there.

I went to work for the Seventh Day Adventist Church out there and we were building schools on the reservations. The church also paid the teachers to teach these Indian children. And it didn't cost the Indians anything. Then we'd teach them the religious doctrine and (until then) they didn't even know anything about it. There was a lot of talk among them about the Catholic way. But we had a good turnout whenever we established the school and church there.

The white people got to having singing conventions around

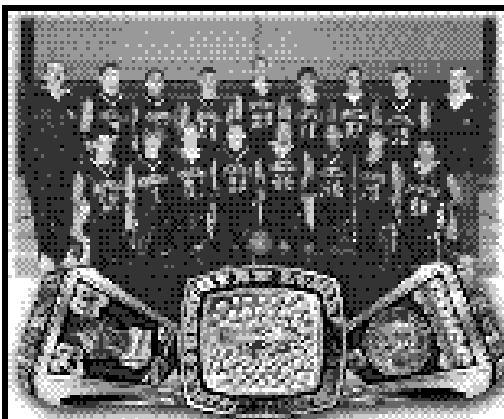
in the little towns and a lot of native Indians got to coming. They got to where they could sing real good. Of course, you can take any Indian here in this country (Oklahoma); they not a one but what can sing.

I finally returned to Oklahoma not because I was homesick but because I had gone to work for an oil company and we had been on strike for about two months. My wife and I had a little money saved and we had this little place at Coalgate.⁶ So we came back and fixed up a place. Then I went to work in Coalgate as the custodian at the high school. For fourteen years. That's where I started working with Indian people. I helped the children and their parents and grandparents find their roll numbers for education assistance from the federal government.

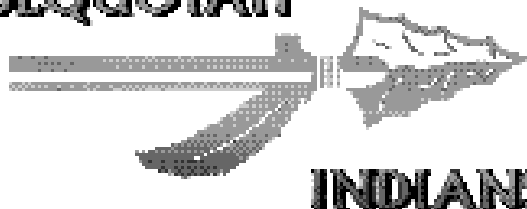
I was contacted by Dr. Baily of the Talihina hospital and asked to get involved in the Community Action Programs. After I was elected to the board, I got real active, working with the school boys, the dropouts and I was real proud of what we all accomplished. Later, we organized a health clinic here (Coalgate) through Community Action. From Coalgate, the drive to the nearest Indian health facility in Talihina or Lawton was about two hours.

Diabetes is a serious problem with Indian people. The doctor recommends a diet but the full bloods will go home and eat everything they want. They all like pork. And they are going to

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Resolutions, continued from page 5

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-027

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire property, containing 1.17 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located on North Mississippi Avenue, and described as all of Lots 10, 11, 12, part of Lot 13, and all of lot 15, of the Howard Thompson Creekview Addition to Ada, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-028

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Stephens County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Mega-Bingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games, described as: Part of the SE/4 in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Stephens County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-010

Amendment to PR 21-007

(Location and Address for the Chickasaw District Court)

Explanation: This resolution corrects a section number improperly identified in PR 21-006.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-011

Amendments to PR 21-008

(Summons, Subpoena, Other Process; Service)

Explanation: This resolution corrects the name of the Chickasaw Nation as it is now recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and certain references made to other sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-012

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Chickasaw District Court)

Explanation: The official designation of the Chickasaw Nation was changed on July 12, 2002, in a notice published in the

Federal Register. This resolution amends those sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code which contain the official designation of the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairperson Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood

Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-013

Amendments to PR 21-006

(Rules of Procedure)

Explanation: This resolution corrects the section and rule number enacted in PR 21-006.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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eat it regardless. Alcoholism is also very serious. There's a lot of it; that's where most of the broken homes come from. Lots of Indians couldn't get a job on account of that. Because the white people heard that Indians didn't do anything but drink. I'm talking about all tribes I've seen. Alcohol also affects a whole cross section, educated Indian people as well. They feel they can't compete very well against whites. We have only had job training programs for a short while. It will take more time.

1. There is nothing else about

Mr. Ned's parents, but he says that he "was just raised up anywhere I could stay and worked my way through," suggesting perhaps that he was shuttled around following his mother's death and that his schooling was at best intermittent.

2. An example of this Chickasaw's sardonic humor.

3. Mr. Ned never gave any details about his guardians including their names or if they were relatives. On a day-to-day basis they apparently treated him much like a farm animal and young Abe felt considerable

resentment.

4. After seven or eight years of hard labor planting and harvesting crops and feeding and handling cattle, Abe Ned had been paid \$13.50.

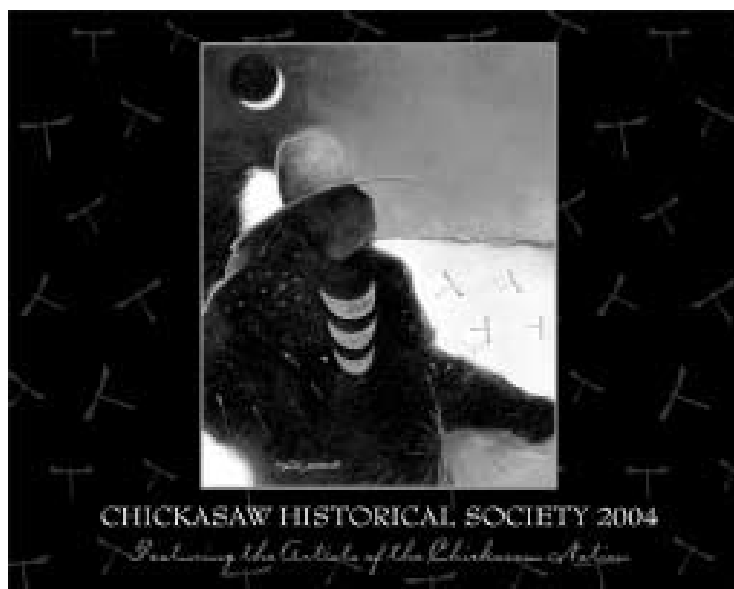
5. Probably he means the immigration officers had to be bribed.

6. Presumably Mr. Ned's allotment.

(Endnotes)

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2004 Chickasaw Artist Calendar



On the cover: **Stomp Dance Revelation** by Brent Greenwood

Featured Artists:

Tom Phillips
Jeannie Barbour
Norma Howard
Brent Greenwood
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Daniel Howard
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Susie Johnston
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Dental Clinic gives kids something to smile about



Chickasaw Nation Dental Hygienist Angie McElrath regularly checks Head Start students for tooth decay. The tribe has also implemented dental decay prevention programs through Head Start.

ADA, Okla.- For some kids, brushing their teeth is a dreaded task. But the consequences of not brushing can be even more dreadful.

The Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF) dental clinic is trying to change those thought patterns in children with prevention programs through the Head Start program.

"Fifty percent of children under four years old have tooth decay and that's preventable," CAIHF dental hygienist and Education Coordinator Angie McElrath said.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. For McElrath and her fellow dental hygienists, teaching kids the importance of dental hygiene is a year-round job.

Dental screening and prevention programs at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start begin at

18 months old and continue through age five. McElrath screens Head Start students for any signs of tooth decay every three months.

Children showing signs of decay are treated with a fluoride varnish to seal the teeth. McElrath follows up with those children at two weeks and one month to make sure there are no more signs of decay.

The dental clinic introduced Head Start students to a fluoride rinse in 2000. At that time, 80 percent of the children were showing signs of dental decay. In 2002, that number had dropped to 20 percent at the Madill Head Start, McElrath said.

"Education early on is the key," McElrath said. "And it's working."

In addition to screening and treating children more often, the dental clinic is now seeing

patients at even younger ages with a well-baby clinic offered every Wednesday. Parents can bring babies nine to 18 months in without an appointment.

Older children who come in for regular check-ups strive to become members of the "No Cavities Club." If the child

doesn't have any cavities, McElrath takes a picture and posts it in the clinic. The child is also rewarded with a certificate and coupons to McDonald's and Taco Bell.

McElrath has been rewarded for her efforts, too. Twice she has been recognized by the

Oklahoma City Area Dental Clinic for her work with Head Start.

For more information about CAIHF dental clinic, call (580) 421-4596.

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'Get Fresh' offers help on selecting, preparing all types of fruits and vegetables

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services is kicking off a new program to help *you* eat smart and stay healthy. The new program is entitled "Get Fresh" and will provide fresh fruits and vegetables and terrific recipes to qualified participants. Many

interesting activities are also planned to show participants in "Get Fresh" how to select and prepare unusual fresh fruits and vegetables.

New recipes and cooking tips will be demonstrated by the "Get Fresh Foodies" through the

Nutrition Services "Get Fresh Cooking Schools."

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For more information on this exciting new program, please call Jan Long at (888) 436-7255 Ext. 7651

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and more free to kids during February

ADA, Okla. - During February, Carl Albert Indian Health Facility will host table clinics to promote National Children's Dental Health Month. One day each week throughout the month, professionals with the dental clinic will give away toothbrush-

es, toothpaste, floss, sugarless gum and educational materials on oral health. Table clinics will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 3, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 27.

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Patients, health care providers rely on medical charts

Health Information Management keeps records straight



Health Information Technician Leslie Byrd pulls a patient's medical chart. The health information management department at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility pulls about 400 charts a day for doctors' appointments and walk-in patients.

Disease affects Native Americans

Lupus support group forms

ADA, Okla. - Attitude is half the battle for Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Mary Jo Green, who has lived with lupus for 30 years now.

With that thought in mind, Green and the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program are beginning a lupus support group.

"A growing number of people have lupus and it helps to talk to people," Green said.

Lupus is a chronic, inflammatory disease in which the body's immune system attacks healthy tissues and organs. An estimated 1.5 million Ameri-

cans have lupus, according to the Lupus Foundation of America. The disease affects all races, but it more prevalent in Native Americans.

Support group organizers held the first planning meeting Jan. 29.

The Chickasaw Nation is sponsoring the support group. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Keisha Sweeney at (580) 436-0553.

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ADA, Okla. - Medical records can hold the key to diagnosis and treatment for patients.

The Health Information Management Department - formerly known as medical records - is the gatekeeper of more than 117,000 active patient charts at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF) in Ada and the four satellite clinics within the Chickasaw Nation.

The 58-member staff is responsible for the release of medical records to patients and physicians.

Patients requesting copies of their medical records must complete a proper authorization form, Health Information Manager Jerri Martin said. Medical record requests for patients 18 and older must be made by the patient.

The Health Information Management Department gets about 300 requests for copies of medical records each month. The

requests are processed in 10 to 14 working days, unless there is an emergency, Martin said.

The department also pulls about 400 medical charts a day for walk-in patients and doctors' appointments.

Martin said the department is hoping to implement the electronic health record, which would replace the paper files with computer access to medical records. Birth certificates are already being electronically recorded and sent to the State Department of Vital Statistics at CAIHF.

Medical transcription and diagnosis coding is also carried out through health information management. The department has seven registered health information administrators on staff.

"Having credentialed and knowledgeable staff members allows us to implement the current practices that are set forth by

the American Health Information Management Association," Martin said. "Employing this knowledge in our department, enables our processes to run more effectively and efficiently, which will enhance better patient care for the Chickasaw Nation."

Staff members retrieve, prepare, code, abstract, and file medical records on about 150,000 outpatients and about 3,000 inpatients per year. Medical coders help build CAIHF's medical database by diagnosis coding and abstracting information from those medical records into an electronic system.

For more information on the health information department, call (580) 272-2705.

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Email scams can appear legitimate

Be cautious with personal financial information on the Internet

Email users are being bombarded with authentic-looking messages that instruct them to provide information. Internet scammers hunting about for people's financial/personal information have a new way to lure unsuspecting victims: They go "phishing." Individuals who "bite" are exposed to identity theft.

Phishing, also called "carding," is a high-tech scam that uses spam (junk email) to deceive consumers into disclosing their credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, passwords, and other sensitive information. Phishing attacks involve the mass distribution of email messages with return addresses, links, and branding which appear to come from banks, insurance agencies, retailers, or credit card companies.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the emails pretend to be from businesses the potential victims deal with – for example, their online payment service, their bank, or their Internet Service Provider (ISP). The scammers tell recipients they need to "update" or "validate" their billing information to keep their accounts active, and then direct them to a "look-alike" Web site of the legitimate business, further tricking consumers into thinking they are responding to a bona fide request. The unsuspecting consumer submits financial authentication information to what they believe to be their legitimate business contact. In fact, it is going to the scammers, who use it to order goods, services, and obtain credit leading to identity theft.

Often phishing spam/scam messages will use legitimate "From:" email addresses, logos, and links to businesses such as AOL, PayPal, BestBuy, Earthlink, eBay, and various banks or financial institutions. The message instructs the user to click on a Web link that sends them to a fake Web site where the user is then asked to provide personal information to what the user thinks is a legitimate business but which is in fact, the scam artist. Such sites may ask for information such as name, address, phone number, date of

birth, Social Security number (SSN), and bank or credit card account number, etc. Because these emails look "official," up to 20% of recipients may respond to them, resulting in financial losses, identity theft, and other fraudulent activity. Ironically, many such bogus emails prey upon consumers' fear of being exposed to fraud.

To avoid getting caught by one of these scams, the FTC, the nation's consumer protection agency, offers this guidance:

- If a user gets an email warning them, with little or no notice, that an account of theirs will be shut down unless they reconfirm the billing information, **DO NOT REPLY OR CLICK ON THE LINK IN THE EMAIL.** Instead, contact the company cited in the email using a telephone number or Web site address you **know** to be genuine.

- Avoid emailing personal and financial information. Before submitting financial information through a Web site, look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar. It is an indication that submitted information is secure during transmission.

- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as they are received to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges. If the statement is late by a couple of days, call the respective credit card company or bank to confirm the billing address and account balances.

- Report suspicious activity to the FTC. Send the actual spam to uce@ftc.gov. If a user feels they've been scammed, file a complaint at www.ftc.gov, and then visit the FTC's Identity Theft Web Site (www.ftc.gov/idtheft) to learn to minimize the risk of damage from identity theft. If the spam/scam is received via IHS mail, please send to the local ISSO or ITSC Security for action – don't send directly to FTC. ITSC/ISSO will research before forwarding to FTC).

- Visit www.ftc.gov/spam to learn other ways to avoid email scams and deal with deceptive spam.

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business

practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them. To file a complaint or to get free information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

Further recommendations include:

- Don't trust email headers, they can easily be forged.

- Avoid filling out forms in email messages. One can't know with certainty where the data will be sent and the information can make several stops on the way to the recipient.

- If a user clicks on a link in an email message from a company, be aware that many scam artists are making forgeries of company's sites that look like the real thing. Verify the legitimacy of a Web address with the company directly before submitting any personal information.

- If a user does go to a link offered in an unsolicited email, check to see if there is an 's' after the http in the address and a lock at the bottom of the screen that indicates the link is secure and encrypts data. Though this is not an indication that the site is legitimate, an on-

line form that asks a consumer to submit sensitive personal information should always be encrypted. Scam artists are less likely to have encrypted forms, but if they are trying to elicit personal information, they may take every precaution to make consumers believe their site is secure and therefore, legitimate.

- If a user has provided their personal information in response to a phishing email, they should assume that they will become a victim of identity theft. Follow the steps indicated in the identity theft victims guide, Fact Sheet 17a **Identity Theft: What to do if It Happens to You** located at www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17a.htm. If a user has given their SSN to the Web site, they should place fraud alerts on your 3 credit reports. If they provided their bank account or credit card number, they should cancel that account and open a new one. For more information about how to protect against scams leading to identity theft, visit www.privacyrights.org/ and other Web Sites noted below.

- A lot of protection from scams is about public educa-

tion and awareness. People can protect themselves by educating themselves and not trusting in everything they read. Always verify the legitimacy of the company providing the information first before acting. A simple phone call may make all the difference.

- Always be alert to phishing messages. Reputable companies DO NOT contact their customers and request that they update their files or verify their account or security settings via email.

- IHS makes it a policy to immediately investigate any reports of phishing emails or other type of spam that may affect the agency's reputation/mission and make our patients unsure about their care or services.

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Gallery owner named to Indian art board

WASHINGTON - U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton has appointed Shanan Campbell as a Commissioner of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB).

Campbell is the owner and director of the nationally-recognized Sorrel Sky Gallery, in Durango, Colorado. Specializing in fine original Western and Native American art, she brings 14 years of gallery experience to the IACB.

Campbell maintains nationwide American Indian connections, professional acquaintances, and first hand experiences in the Indian arts and crafts industry. Her extensive professional experience working for the Smithsonian Institution, in addition to her expertise in art marketing and management, will also be a

great asset to the IACB.

Campbell is a strong supporter for the enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (the Act), the primary mission of the IACB. A truth-in-advertising law, the Act prohibits the sale, or display for sale, of any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian tribe.

Campbell is committed to ensuring that arts and crafts in the style of Indian products and marketed truthfully and therefore easily distinguishable from authentic Indian arts and crafts. By confronting issues of misrepresentation in this lucrative industry, Campbell hopes her work with the Act will aid in protecting the integrity of Native American cultural heritage and the eco-

nomie self-reliance of Tribes and their members.

"I look forward to working with Secretary Norton, key Congressional members, and my fellow Commissioners to promote and expand the integrity and creativity, as well as the inherent cultural benefits and economic success, of individual Indian artists and artisans, Indian owned and operated arts and crafts businesses, and the Indian arts and crafts industry nationwide," Campbell said.

Information on the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, and related IACB activities, is available at www.iacb.doi.gov, or by writing: Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 2058-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Fourth District students nominated to service academies



U.S. REP. TOM COLE

WASHINGTON - Oklahoma Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole recently announced the names of students from Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District who have received nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval Academies' entering class of 2004.

The process for receiving a nomination is highly competitive. Nominations are made based on a composite of academic factors including: school records, junior class rank and SAT/ACT scores. They are also selected based on leadership potential, extracurricular activities, athletics, physical fitness and recommendations. The candidates must also complete a personal interview. These requirements ensure a high quality of applicants.

"I am proud of each of these nominees for making it to the first stage of the appointment process. This is truly a great accomplishment," Congressman Tom Cole said. "Each of these individuals has the potential to win an appointment to the academy and to complete an outstanding military career. These men and women are among the nation's elite. I admire their willingness to serve their country."

Listed below are the students who received nominations, their high school, hometowns and academy in which they were nominated. The applicants will now be considered by the respective academy for admission into the school.

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Jerard Campbell, Class of 2003 graduate from Del City HS, Midwest City- currently at the US Air Force Prep School

Matthew Deeg, Greenleaf

Christian Home School, Duncan

Kenneth Imy, Norman North HS, Norman

Blake Kerr, Chickasha HS, Chickasha

Jon Andrew Kimmel, Norman North HS, Norman

Jacqueline LeClair, Carl Albert HS, Oklahoma City

Dennis Morris, Lawton Eisenhower HS, Lawton

Joshua Musgrove, Class of 2000 graduate from Washington HS- currently living in Norman

John Schatz, Class of 2003 graduate from Carl Albert HS, Midwest City- currently at the US Air Force Prep School

Cheryl Steiner, Blanchard High School, Blanchard

United States Military Academy

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Brandon Benson, Class of 2003 graduate of Tuttle HS, Tuttle- currently at US Military Academy Prep School

Matthew Deeg, Greenleaf Christian Home School, Duncan

Garrett Dressel, Mustang HS, Mustang

Joseph Hartman, Chickasha HS, Chickasha

Blake Kerr, Chickasha HS, Chickasha

Joshua Musgrove, Class of 2000 graduate from Washington HS- currently living in Norman

Ashley Rushing, Oklahoma School of Science and Math, Madill

Theresa Todd, Norman North HS, Norman

Samuel White, Lawton HS, Lawton

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Brandon Benson, Class of 2003 graduate of Tuttle HS, Tuttle- currently at US Military Academy Prep School

Kellan Curry, Carl Albert HS, Midwest City

Garrett Dressel, Mustang HS, Mustang

Anton Hubl, Subiaco Academy, Norman

Kenneth Imy, Norman North HS, Norman

Blake Kerr, Chickasha HS, Chickasha

Joseph Nelson, Class of 2001 graduate of Norman HS, Norman

Ashley Rushing, Oklahoma School of Science and Math, Madill

Cheryl Steiner, Blanchard High School, Blanchard

Theresa Todd, Norman North HS, Norman

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Ashley Rushing, Oklahoma School of Science and Math, Madill

Cheryl Steiner, Blanchard High School, Blanchard

Andre Webb, Lawton Eisenhower HS, Lawton

Samuel White, Lawton HS, Lawton

Some CNRA campsites now on reservation system

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw National Recreation Area Superintendent Connie Rudd recently announced that selected campsites at Chickasaw National Recreation Area will be on a reservation system.

Reserve America has been contracted with the National Park Service to manage the reservation system. Effective January 2, 2004 the following campsites at Chickasaw National Recreation Area will be available for reservations:

- Group sites at Rock Creek, Central, and Cold Springs Campgrounds - Rates are \$20.00 per night, per site. Golden Age

and Golden Passport discount does not apply to group sites.

- Buckhorn Campground, Loops A & C - Rates are utility sites \$16.00 (Loop C only) per night, per site; premium utility sites \$18.00 (May thru September Loop C sites #4, 5, 6, 7) per night, per site; and non-utility sites \$10.00 per night, per site (Loops A & C).

- The Point, Upper Loop (sites 40-56) - Rates are utility sites \$16.00 per night, per site & non-utility sites \$10.00 per night, per site

Reservations can be made on the internet at www.ReserveUSA.com or call 1-877-

444-6777.

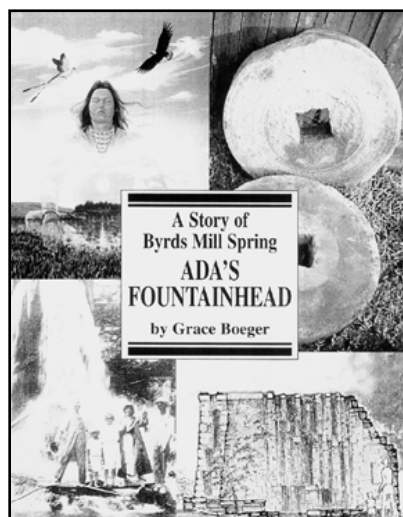
Reservations for individual sites can be made 240 days in advance and group sites 360 days in advance, both no later than seven days from arrival date. A \$9.00 reservation transaction fee will be charged by ReserveUSA. Current reservation policies are available on the internet at www.reserveusa.com/policies/.

The remaining campsites at Chickasaw National Recreation Area continue to be on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations for Buckhorn and Veter-

ans Lake Pavilions can still be made at Chickasaw by calling 580/622-6677. Please check our website at www.nps.gov/chic.

Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma's oldest National Park unit, is located near Sulphur, Oklahoma. The park contains mineral and freshwater springs, creeks, lakes, over 20 miles of hiking trails, and 410 campsites. Recreation opportunities include hiking, swimming, camping, fishing, boating, and water sports.

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Hilda B. "Kay" Keel



Services for Hilda B. "Kay" Keel, 83, were Thursday, January 15 at First Baptist Church of Tishomingo with J.E. Freeman officiating. Interment followed in Fillmore Cemetery, Fillmore, Okla.

Mrs. Keel was born March 3, 1920, in Johnston County, Oklahoma to N.B. "Pat" and Emma Carter Murphy. She died Jan. 11, 2004, in Tishomingo, Okla.

She attended school at Fillmore and was a lifelong resident of the area. She and Freeman Keel were married Feb. 3, 1938, in Sherman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 9, 1978; a son, J.B., in 1995; a daughter, Hattie Chastee; two brothers, Everett and Ellis Murphy; a sister, Joy Dubose; and five grandchildren.

Survivors include nine children, Kathy Bethune and Jefferson Keel, Ada, Okla., Jerry, Don and Tommy Keel, Virginia Sherwood and Phyliss Davis, all of Tishomingo, Dale Keel, Albuquerque, N.M., and Danny Keel, San Leon, Texas; six sisters, Hazel Bardin, Tishomingo, Lou Neighbors, Evelyn Dick, Glenda Taylor and Etta Hannickel, all of Denison, Texas, and Mollie Hope, Garland, Texas; three brothers, Marion Murphy, Stratford, Okla., Elvin Murphy, Oklahoma City, and H.C. Murphy, Denison, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and two great-

great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her sons. Honorary bearers were Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Gene Lafitte, James (Stifke) Holden, Mike Dunn, Robert Keel, Robert and Frank Johnson.

Haskell Dean Foster



Graveside services for Haskell Dean Foster, 82, were January 12, 2004 at Mannsville Cemetery, Mannsville, Okla.

He was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Mannsville to Dewey Norman and Julia May Colbert Foster, he died Jan. 9, 2004, in Mannsville.

He married Wilma Bone on June 1, 1948, in Ardmore, Okla. He graduated from Mannsville High School in 1939 and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. He was a World War II veteran, and served 44 months overseas.

He was discharged in 1945 and moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration. He then moved to Grand Isla, La., where he worked for Rolta Aides, then moved to Sabine Pass, Texas, where he worked for Offshores Helicopter. He retired in 1980 and returned to Mannsville.

He was a member of Mannsville United Methodist Church

and the Chickasaw Senior Citizens Center in Madill.

He was preceded in death by a son, Don Foster; and a brother, Harry Foster.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Foster, Mannsville, Lynn Williams, Mesquite, Texas, and Lisa Wallace, Georgetown, Texas; three brothers, Charles, John and Stanley; seven grandchildren; and two great-grand-

Myrtle Lee James Sweeten

Myrtle Lee James Sweeten, 84, died December 26, 2003. She was born December 12, 1919 to Culberson Buster James and Bettie Brown Pitchlynn.

Services were December 30, 2003 at First Indian Baptist Church, Tishomingo, Okla. Interment followed in Tishomingo Cemetery.

She married Noah Alvin Sweeten on January 8, 1945 in

Durant, Okla.

She attended Bloomfield Academy, Ardmore, Okla. She was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church, Tishomingo, and a member of the Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizen Program. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Culberson Buster James and Bettie Brown Pitchlynn; two brothers, Creighton Pitchlynn and Henry James; three sisters, Alice Hamilton, Jackie Pitchlynn and Helen Louise Beavers.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Ann Buckley, Tishomingo, and Linda Carol Cooper, Milburn, Okla.; a brother Barney "Chock" James, Milburn; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Ernel Ruth Lambeth

Ernel Ruth Lambeth Ford, 70, of Livingston, Texas died January 20, 2004 in Livingston.

She was born on February 4, 1933 in Ardmore, Okla., to John Elvis Flowers and Willa Mae Sealy Flowers.

She graduated from Ringling (OK) High School. She owned and operated a motel in Fordyce, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by two sons; two sisters and two brother-in-laws; four brothers; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were handled by Cochran Funeral Home, Livingston.



Answers, continued from page 19

1. B, East Texas. The Chickasaw parties that explored land west of the Mississippi River reported that Indian Territory land was not of equal value with the tribe's land in the Southeast. Then a party that had toured through portions of east Texas concluded that this land would be acceptable and forwarded its report to Washington. East Texas land, however, was unavailable as Texas, which had been part of the Mexican Empire, proclaimed itself a republic in 1836.

2. D, Atoka. Actually, the three parties had met in Fort Smith in 1896, but it was discovered that the Chickasaw delegation did not have their Legislature's authorization to negotiate. Several months later, in 1897, a new Chickasaw delegation met the Choctaws and members of the U.S.'s Dawes Commission in Atoka, where the Atoka Agreement was negotiated and signed. For more about the events that led up to the meeting and what transpired in Atoka, see *The Journal of Chickasaw*

History, volume 3, number 2. To purchase a copy call the Chickasaw Historical Society in Ada, (580) 436-7327. Or tour the exhibit on tribal government from 1850 to 1907 housed in the old Chickasaw Capitol Building in Tishomingo.

3. B, school teacher. Malcolm McGee, who knew Colbert, identified his roles when he was interviewed by a historian in 1840. Too bad that the historian didn't push Mr. McGee for more information on Colbert. (A paper on McGee's observations on Colbert and various tribal affairs and events is in the vertical file of the Chickasaw Library in Ada.) The famous trader James Adair described Colbert as living with the tribe since his childhood and speaking Chickasaw better than English. Still, he served as tribal translator and was one of the traders who for many years brought English trade goods to the tribe. He also fought the enemies of Great Britain and then the Americans. On occasion, he led Chickasaw warriors into battle. For more information on Colbert, see "Who Was Who Among the

Southern Indians, a *Genealogy Notebook*, 1698-1907," by Don Martini of Falkner, Mississippi. The Chickasaw Library in Ada has a copy.

4. B, tribal elections. While each of these issues was discussed at the time, leaders of the grass-roots movement within the old Chickasaw Nation to restore tribal government always presented a request or a petition for tribal elections. This request never got anywhere in the 1950s because the sitting governor, Floyd Maytubby, his friends on the Oklahoma congressional delegation and the BIA opposed an election. As an experienced politician, Maytubby doubtless knew he could not be elected to the post. Much more information about the 1950s' grass-roots movement to restore tribal government may be found in *The Journal of Chickasaw History*, volume 1, number 3. Copies may be purchased from the Chickasaw Historical Society in Ada, (580) 437-7327.

Note of thanks

The family of Hilda Keel wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the beautiful flowers, thoughtful cards and, most of all, the prayers that we received during the loss of our Mother. Your kindness has touched our lives and is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel